

Minutes

Camden Town Council Meeting September 9, 2011

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and six guests. The minutes from the August 11th Housing Public Hearing and the regular Council Meeting, the August 18th Budget Public Hearing and the September Docket were approved following motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. The 2012 budget was adopted by a motion from Mr. Kelley.

Utility Issues

Mr. Bill Dittman, Jackson Township Trustee requested an adjustment on the park's October bill. At some unknown time water was turned on at the back diamond. By the time the issue was reported, over 37,000 gallons of water had gone through the meter resulting in a projected bill of \$456.80. Following the adjustment procedure outline by ordinance, the bill could be adjusted down to \$92.66. Mr. Dittman stated there is only the main shut off at the park but a change is being looked into. A padlock is now on the hydrant that was turned on. Council approved the adjustment.

Mr. Wagoner stated there is still some confusion on the hydrant rental fee now accessed on the monthly bills. This is a fee that was originally covered by citizen's property taxes but due to the property tax caps and the reduction in revenue, the fee was moved from tax base to a customer fee. Mr. Wagoner also stated this is not a new expense but the fee is new – a reallocation of expenses.

Annexation of Certain Areas into the Town

The process for annexation of a portion of the cemetery and a portion of the park began in May. The public hearing was held July 20th and no one came to voice any concerns. The required waiting period is now over and the annexation can move forward. Mr. Wagoner stated the goal of the annexation is to try to protect the park if any changes are made in the township government. He then asked if there were any questions on the annexation and none were presented. Mr. Wagoner introduced **Ordinance 2001-4 Annexation of Portion of Park and Cemetery, Resolution 2011-D Fiscal Policy for Annexation of Property under Ordinance 2011-5 and Ordinance 2011-5 Adopting a Written Fiscal Plan Establishing a Policy for the Provision of Services to an Annexed Area of the Camden Park and Camden Cemetery.** Mr. Fite made the motion to adopt the ordinances and resolution, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed. Mrs. Briggs will file the papers at the courthouse.

Utility Systems

Mr. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, stated he expects construction for the water distribution system to begin by October 3rd. The crew that will work here is finishing a project in Chalmers. This project will cost a total of \$767,875. The town's contribution will be \$30,000 and a DR2 grant will provide the remaining \$737,875. The construction contract with F&K totals \$648,050 and engineering work will cost \$90,000. Mr. Fite asked if this work will tear up the town's streets. He was told most of this work will be done in the alleys and where possible directional drilling will be done to cross streets. The town will hold a 5% retainage and these funds are not released until the town is satisfied with the work performed. Mr. Snavely expressed concern that the work will be done during the time he is usually busy with fall leaf pickup. He wants to be on-site while the work is being done.

Mr. Smith will investigate possibilities for reducing the electric power usage at the wastewater treatment facility. Options to be considered are wind or solar powered generators funded through a grant. The EPA has a greenhouse omission grant that he will check into. The town of Chalmers built a small wind turbine using grant funds. The power usage has increased substantially due to the motors and blowers on the aspirators.

Mr. Snavely stated he has experimented with the aspirators but it did not make a lot of difference in the power used.

Ordinance Issues

Ordinance 2011-5, regulating the parking along Main Street was discussed and clarification sought on how to prevent cars being parked along the street for an extended period of time. The marshal will be contacted for his input.

Updated purchasing and purchasing agent ordinances were distributed to the Council for their consideration and review. These ordinances will be discussed at the October Council meeting.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Methodist Church will collect items for the Kentucky Mountain September 24th and 25th.
2. The Jackson Township Fire Department will have their annual breakfast on October 1st at the Community Center.
3. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly, Halloween will be celebrated October 31 from 6-8 in the evening. Mr. Dittman stated the Lion's Club will have their party the same evening. The grocery will provide free hot dogs and soda.
4. The Lion's Club will have the Horse Pull August 17, 2012 (tentatively set) and the truck/tractor pull on August 18, 2012. The Club is also interested in doing some type of contest at Christmas.
5. The new fall/winter street banners should be up sometime in October.
6. Mr. Fite asked if there was any consideration to re-establishing animal control. Concern was expressed about the number of cats and dogs running loose. Mr.

Wagoner stated it would be up to the townships and local units but with the current financial constraints, it probably will not happen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer