

Camden Town Council

Meeting

December 8, 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 ten guests. The minutes from the November 10th Council Meeting and the December Docket were approved following motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Utility Bill Issues

Crystal Hudson appeared before the Council to request an adjustment to her current water bill. The bill was unusually high due to a hose being left running after car repairs were done. The Council approved adjusting her water bill back to its average use. The second increase in the water and sewer rates will be noticed on the January bills. Phase one of the rate adjustments was enacted in July. The minimum bill will increase by about 12% or \$6.66. Mr. Wagoner noted the increase was not related to the water line project. The local match of \$30,000 for the project is from funds previously set aside. The remaining cost of the project, \$737,875, is being funded by DR2 grant funds.

Water Project and Wastewater System

F&K started construction of the water line project just before the November meeting. Work is moving slower than expected due to more wires, drains and unmarked tiles being in the way. Mr. Snavely stated the boring under SR75 was completed today and on Friday the company expected to bore under SR 218.

Viki Powers, the grant administrator, presented a claim for approval which was signed and will be submitted for payment. This claim is for F&K's second draw and Municipal Civil Corp's final draw.

During discussion, Ms. Powers mentioned the grant submissions are now accepted once per year, instead of twice, and the state's grant budget was cut by about 25%. If Camden is interested in submitting any applications, the new time frame will delay submission until February, 2013.

Hoosier Heartland Highway

INDOT held a meeting at the Wabash & Erie Canal Center in Delphi on December 1st to give an update on the Hoosier Heartland Highway. The segment from Delphi to Lafayette will be open by December 2012 and the entire length from Lafayette to Logansport will open in December 2013. It was noted that the Camden-Flora Connection was included in the project completion graph. This phase of work will let for contracts on January 11th and is scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2013.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Lion’s Club will host a chili supper December 10th from 5-7 at the Community Club.
2. The Carroll County Christmas baskets will be filled at the Community Building the week of December 11th.
3. The town office will be closed December 23rd and 26th for Christmas and January 2nd for New Years.
4. The year end Council meeting will be December 27th, 6:00, in the Town Office.
5. December 10th will be the last day for the recycling service in Camden. Grant funds used to sponsor the truck in Camden will now be used to help support the transfer station recycle program.
6. Mr. Jeff Vanata, 555 W. Washington Street, asked for an exemption to allow one horse on his two acres of property. By ordinance, horses are not allowed to be kept within the town limits. Following discussion of past actions related to that particular property, Mr. Kelly made the motion to grant the request. Mrs. Briggs was instructed to prepare the necessary paperwork allowing one horse. The exception will be allowed for this owner and will not follow the property.

Mr. Wagoner concluded the meeting by welcoming the new Town Council Members who were sworn in earlier in the evening and will take office January 1st. The town’s staff was thanked for their professional and conscientious service to the community. He stated it was a pleasure to serve the past five years and much was accomplished during that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 by a motion from Mr. Fite.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Kelly, Member