

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2010

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the public hearing for the 2011 budget was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Andy Kelly and Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and seven guests. Mrs. Casserly gave a brief review of the budget. The general fund's budget for 2010 was reduced by \$24,300 in February to bring the spending more into line with the projected revenue. The 2011 general fund budget is set at \$189,551 but cuts are expected once the true tax rate is determined. MVH and LR&S are increased to take on more of the street repair cost, if necessary, because of reducing the general fund. EDIT is increased because the dues were increased; Rainy Day is up to make funds available if needed for a special project and Sanitation is increased due to the annual contract increase. The other funds were either reduced or remained the same. The floor was opened for questions. Being as there were no questions, the public hearing was closed and the Council opened the regular meeting.

Mr. Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 12th Council Meeting. The docket was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite. Mr. Wagoner asked the council members if there were any questions and the docket was approved without comment.

The Inter-Local Agreement with District 4 for Mutual Aid was approved and signed by a motion from Mr. Fite.

New Payment Options Available to Utility Customers

The Council approved an agreement with PayGov, LLC, which gives utility customers the opportunity to pay their bills using credit or debit cards. The cost associated with this convenience will be paid for by the customer at the time of the transaction. The minimum fee is \$2.00. The fee varies on rather the transaction is made in person, over the phone or via the internet. Each option has its own minimum fee and percent of charge to the customer. Mrs. Casserly was given permission to sign the agreement on behalf of the town and stated the office expects to have the program on line by Wednesday.

Housing Grant Update

Work write-ups for the twelve homeowners taking part in the Housing Redevelopment Grant are to be mailed back to Star Development with the clients' approval by tomorrow. Once those are in, the work will be advertised and bidding will begin. It is expected the work will begin by mid-to-late October.

Private Wells within the Town

The two properties within the limits of Camden that have wastewater and trash service may be required to connect to town water at some time in the future. The Council discussed the need to protect the town's water supply from cross contamination and follow the guidelines of the wellhead protection plan. Mr. Ken Smith will be asked to investigate this further but Mrs. Briggs stated the federal wellhead program, enforced by the Department of Natural Resources, may have some input on the town's issues. The goal is to get everyone connected to the town's water supply and prevent contamination.

The **Water Distribution System Upgrade grant** will be announced on September 29th. OCRA will make the announcements on-line instead of placing phone calls.

Community Center Issues

1. Only one estimate was received for the restrooms in the community building. It was from Barnard Construction, Chalmers, for \$54,475 plus \$8,500 for the exterior work which includes the grinder. The estimate was taken under advisement.
2. A water leak was found to be causing mold around the windows in the town office. Dave Smith, Christian Brothers Painting, and Toby Shock have worked to correct the problem. Jeff Peters will replace the plywood and exterior siding with block to seal the old transom windows. His estimate was \$500 to fill in the area over three front windows.

Ordinance Issues

Sunshine Publishing, Inc. gave an estimate of \$3,000 to review the ordinances and put them in CD format. Ten disks would be provided for distribution to the Council, Marshal, Attorney and who ever else would benefit from having a copy. Updates, as often as requested by the customer, will cost \$250 each. Mrs. Briggs felt the ordinances/resolutions should be purged beforehand. The Council agreed with Mrs. Briggs suggestion and decided to have a demonstration on the use of the CDs sometime after the first of the year.

HHIC & SR 75 Extension Project

The Hoosier Heartland Corridor Coalition held meetings with the congressional candidates, the U.S. Senate Candidates and others who may help make the road extension possible. Mr. Wagoner will take part in the upcoming HHIC Congressional Briefings for the 3rd (around Fort Wayne) and 5th (Lafayette area) Districts. He will give a presentation at the HHIC Annual Meeting in Huntington on October 8th, which is expected to be attended by the mayors and commissioners from Ft. Wayne to Lafayette.

Camden Court for 2010-2011

Jeff Sieber introduced the Camden Court present at the meeting: Miss Camden, Karlee Sparks and 1st Runner Up, Jackie Hensley and 3rd Runner-up Little Mr. Camden Keagan Sieber. Mr. Wagoner congratulated all the winners and expressed confidence they would represent Camden well in the upcoming year. Committee Members Steve Hinkle, Melissa Chapman, Deanne Sieber, Randy Veach and Amanda Grimes were thanked for their hard work and talent in putting the event together.

Miscellaneous Items

- The customer deposit for water and sewer utilities is now set at \$75 per utility.
- The Lion's Club 1st Toy Tractor Show will be at Community Building on September 11 starting at 10:00a.m.
- Kentucky Mountain Mission will collect items at the Community Building September 25th & 26th.
- The Jackson Twp. Fireman's Breakfast will be October 2nd.
- The 2011 budget will be adopted on October 14 during the regular Council meetings.
- Un-used and/or un-wanted meds can be disposed of at the local Marsh Supermarkets or through special envelopes supplied by NWISWD. The District can be reached at 800-856-0980 to request a disposal bag.
- Halloween will be celebrated on October 30th from 6 until 8 in the evening. The Community Club will have their annual costume party starting at 7:00pm.
- The town office will be closed November 3 for staff training.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by a motion from Mr. Kelly

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

Andrew Kelly, Member

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer