

Camden Town Council

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2011

The Camden Town Council met in regular session on February 10, 2011, at the Camden-Jackson Township Public Library. Mr. Wagoner opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council Member Andy Kelly, Town Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and two guests. Richard Fite was absent.

Mr. Kelly made the motions to approve the minutes from the January 13 and January 26th meetings and the February Docket. Motions seconded by Mr. Wagoner and passed. *Resolution 2011-1, Rainy Day Fund Transfer*, allowing the transfer of \$2,445 into the fund from the General Fund was also passed by a motion from Mr. Kelly. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council a resolution allowing for Additional Appropriations would be presented at the March meeting, following the proper legal advertising. These funds will be needed to pay for the new restrooms in the Community Building.

Utility Issues

It was not possible to read all of the water meters in December, January and February due to the extreme cold. A select few meters were read but the majority of the meters have been estimated. Customers were told there may be a few bills higher than expected when the meters are read.

The utility rates need reviewed and an adjustment may be required. O.W. Krohn & Associates will be retained to do a rate study in both water and wastewater. The water rates were last raised in 1999 and sewer were raised in 2008.

Grant Updates

Community Building – The interior construction has begun and is expected to be complete by spring. The plumbing and wiring are installed and drywall is going up. Ken Smith inspected the work and was pleased with the job. Three electrical plugs were added to the original plans and the storage room will be enlarged.

Mr. Wagoner read a statement in regards to the town's response during the recent snow storm when power was lost. He stated the town was well prepared to meet the needs of the citizens –the water and wastewater generators were activated, the generator at the community building provided power for heat, and the shelter was staffed. The American Red Cross provided cots, blankets, comfort kits and bottled water. The streets were plowed and Fire Chief Chuck Foreman had the first responders ready if needed to bring people to the shelter. Town employees were thanked for their preparations and dedication to the community.

Water Line Project – The cold weather and snow has slowed the progress on the water line project. Bids are expected to go out this month and be received at the March council meeting. Mr. Smith asked if the council was interested in listing electronic read meters as an alternative in the bids. Permission was given to include them but cost may be prohibitive.

Housing Rehab Project – Mr. McCarty was in Camden today for inspections on some of the homes receiving grant funds. The work is moving along regardless of the cold weather.

Ordinance Issues

1. There is still the one dog getting into trash. Mrs. Briggs will send a letter to the owner.
2. Pet tags are available at the town office.
3. There have been complaints about a car parked along Main Street for the past several months. Mrs. Briggs will research ordinances to see about requiring it to be moved.

Hoosier Heartland

The last INDOT quarterly update meeting was held in Delphi in July. These meetings were discontinued but information provided states the project is on schedule. The governor is committed to having the road complete by 2013. Segment 3, which takes in Burrows and Rockfield, will be worked on this spring, ahead of Segment 2. Work continues at Clymers and in Tippecanoe County. The design for the Flora/Camden connection is done and a public information meeting will be in the next couple of months. This is expected to be a separate project from the HHH and may be completed after the road is complete.

Medical Center

Mr. Wagoner met with David Ammen, CEO of Memorial Hospital, to discuss various issues with the hospital. Overall, Mr. Ammen was pleased with the clinic in Camden but stated there is still room for patient growth. Mr. Wagoner expressed concerns about the HVAC system and Mr. Ammen will have his staff look at the equipment. Some type of a joint project may be necessary.

Miscellaneous

1. Town and Township Officials will hold a joint meeting in early March to discuss the status of the local government reform legislature. The meeting will work towards developing an action plan to mitigate the potential impact pending reforms may have on community services.
2. A representative is still needed for the K-IRPC Board of Commissioners. The Council would welcome a volunteer interested in serving the community.
3. By a motion from Mr. Kelly, a letter of support was signed for Adam's Mill, Inc. This non-profit organization will submit an application to the Indiana Department of Transportation for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to purchase Adam's Mill, a Carroll County Historic Landmark. Mr. Wagoner commended the group for their efforts in preserving this county treasurer.
4. The town office will be closed February 21st for President's Day.
5. The American Legion will host a chicken bash on March 16th. Tickets must be bought in advance of the dinner.
6. A Community Club Fish Fry will be held March 19th.
7. It was reported in the Comet that the school corporation is looking at ways to cut cost and one suggestion was to close the Early Childhood Center in Camden. Mr. Wagoner was assured by the school board representative this was not a serious consideration but there are some hard decisions that will have to be made. The School Board will meet February 14th at 7:00.
8. Mr. Wagoner read a statement announcing he will not seek re-election in November. Citizens interested in the community were encouraged to file. He stated there are many men and women who have leadership roles and they are encouraged to file. At the local level, the political party should not be a serious consideration. The council needs people with a genuine interest in the community who want to make it a better place to live and are willing to devote time to understand the issues and perform the duties of the council

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 by a motion from Mr. Kelly

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Kelly, Member