

Camden Town Council

Meeting

August 11, 2011

The Public Hearing to conclude the Housing Rehab Project was called to order at 7:00 by President Peter Wagoner. Present were Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs, and six guests.

Mr. Mark McCarty, Star Development, was given the floor and opened his comments by stating this was the public hearing to close out the grant. He stated some of the homes were inspected and minor problems were found in four homes. All issues were corrected and the contractors signed an affidavit the repairs were done. All draw downs of the funds are complete. Their records will be audited by the state and then the last letter stating the grant is closed will be sent. Mr. McCarty stated three or four of the homeowners were very pleased with the work completed and one or two others would have liked to receive more funds. The work is guaranteed for three years. If there are any issues, the homeowners have instructions to contact the contractor and if the issue is not resolved they should then contact Star Development. The homeowners were given a manual explaining the process.

Mr. Wagoner expressed his appreciation for the work done. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the public hearing was closed at 7:10

The regular meeting of the town council was then called to order. The minutes from the July 20th Annexation Public Hearing, the July 20th Regular Meeting and the August docket were approved by motions from Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mr. Wagoner stated the first public hearing for the 2012 budget will be held on August 18th at 7:00pm. There are no significant changes from the 2011 budget.

There will be a Democrat Convention held on August 18th at the Community Center at 8:00pm. Four Democrat citizens have registered to run for the Town Council but only three can be on the ballot. People who are register and qualified were encouraged to attend.

The annexation of a portion of Jackson Township Park and a portion of the Camden Cemetery into the town will be adopted at the September 8th meeting. No objects have been received on the annexation.

Ordinance Issues

1. Currently there are no properties that need attention.
2. The ordinance limiting parking on Main Street is being enforced with a letter mailed concerning a car that has been parked on the street for the past several months.
3. The golf cart ordinance is also now in effect. Sample decals have been ordered for selecting which one will be used on the golf carts. Mr. Fite questioned the requirement of seat belts in the golf carts but that was struck from the ordinance since seatbelts are not standard equipment on the carts. Golf carts are allowed on the town streets, except for Main and Water Streets.

4. The town employees are receiving numerous requests to pick up branches and brush from along the street that citizens have placed there. There is no written policy on this issue but the employees do the task as time allows. There is a burn pile at the sewer ponds for people to use but they do have to stop at the office to sign out a key. The gate is now kept locked due to people taking unauthorized items to the burn pile – old television sets, non-burnable items and items that are not allowed to be burned. People were reminded it is not the responsibility of the town to pick up material after people have trimmed their trees and bushes. Items will only be picked up as time allows but this is not a regular town provided service. The job is done as a courtesy and should not be abused.

Water Line Project

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, spoke with the contractors and they now expect to start work by the first of October. Problems on their other projects have delayed their start date. The crew that will be here is finishing a project in Chalmers, another of Mr. Smith's project, and may be finished earlier than expected. Once started, the work should be complete in 3 – 4 months.

Pool Fill Concerns

Information was received stating the Burrows Fire Department does not use water from the town's hydrants for pool fills and Rockfield Fire Department does not do any pool fills. Camden is very happy to sell water for the pools but permission to fill the trucks from a town hydrant must be given and the water has to be paid for. Mr. Snavely questioned the "loophole" in the ordinance which allows pool owners to refill their pools by the fire department and not pay the sewer charge but a homeowner who refills a pool with metered water must pay the sewer charge. This will need to be addressed.

The fire departments are not charged for water that is used to fire protection.

Hoosier Heartland Highway and the State Road 75 Connection

INDOT hosted an Additional Informational Meeting at the Camden Baptist Church on August 4th to receive public input on the connector from the corridor to CR50W at 750N. The hearing was well attended with about 125 in attendance. The officials with INDOT, from South Bend and Indianapolis, felt the meeting was very good. This public hearing was the final step to finalize the change to allow for the connection. Details were reviewed and questions answered on this project. The drawings are out for bids and should let in November. The project is expected to be completed at about the same time as the HHH in 2013. Mr. Fite stated the questions asked were good and it was an interesting meeting.

Miscellaneous Items

1. The Lion's Club Tractor/Truck Pull will be August 19th and 20th. Bill Dittman asked to have James and Washington Streets closed from Water to Indiana Streets during the event. Motion moved by Mr. Fite, seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.
2. The Little Miss/Mr. and Miss Camden Pageant will be August 27th in the Community Building.
3. The Methodist Church will collect items for the Kentucky Mountain September 24th and 25th.
4. The Jackson Township Fire Department will have their annual breakfast on October 1st at the Community Center.

5. The cost to power the wastewater plant was discussed. Mr. Wagoner will ask Mr. Smith if there is alternative energy sources the town should consider.
6. Mrs. Briggs presented a "Notice to Law Enforcement Personnel of the Town of Camden". Effective July 1st, every law enforcement agency is to give notice to their officers that the officers have a duty to cooperate with state and feral agencies and officials on matter pertaining to enforcement of state and feral laws governing immigration. The marshals will be given a copy of the notice with instructions to read, date, sign and return so it can be placed in their permanent files.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Kelly, Member