

Camden Town Council Meeting
January 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Camden Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Jeff Sieber. Present were Members Kandance Funk and Richard Fite, attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, and three guests.

Motion to approve minutes from the December 29, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk. The claims from December and January were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance were approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Mr. Sieber reviewed the monthly order of business and citizen participation requirements as prepared at the 2014 year end meeting. Those who wish to have time to speak are to notify the Clerk-Treasurer no later than the Monday before the meeting. Guest are requested to sign in before the meeting and state their name when comments are to be made. Comments are limited to two minutes.

Being as this was the first meeting of 2015, an election of officers was called by Mr. Sieber. The Members were satisfied with their present positions so no change will be made. Mrs. Briggs was appointed as town attorney for four years in 2012.

New Business

1. Appointment Report

Mr. Sieber will contact the person the Council would like to have serve on the CCEDC Board to see if he is interested and report back at the February meeting.

By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite, Diane Wertz was re-appointed to the Camden-Jackson Twp. Public Library Board allowing her to complete the allowed sixteen years on that board. Her term will expire April 30, 2016.

2. Department Reports

Mr. Snavelly reported the State Chemist Office should come on Tuesday to review the plans for the chlorine change at the water treatment plant. Their concerns are the chemical being labeled a pesticide and the procedures that will be used with loading and unloading. Mr. Snavelly will visit a couple of other communities to see what equipment they have and to learn if they are having any problems.

In other Water Department matters, Mr. Snavelly reported Pearless Midwest was contacted for a price on a new high service pump. The current pump will be rebuilt and kept as a backup.

Three estimates were given for summer street maintenance. The Council voted to approve the chip and seal of Water Street costing \$18,500. The other two quotes (\$55,000 and \$73,000) would have more work done but were cost prohibitive. Work on the street is expected to begin this spring.

The prepared Marshal's Report was distributed for review.

Per IC 5-11-10.5, the Clerk-Treasurer presented one check in the amount of \$3.42 that was written on 8-27-2012. The check will be receipted back into the Water Fund.

The Council Members were given the proposed Employee Manual in December and input requested. A date will be set to meet with HR Unlimited to review and edit the manual.

A review of fund balances for 2014 allowed for up to \$7,718.24 to be transferred into the Rainy Day Fund. A resolution will be prepared for the February meeting.

TDS will be contacted to see if they are interested in making a donation to purchase new spring banners.

3. Grant Information and Updates

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., presented the Council with a list of Goals based on the projects the Council discussed at the December Year-End Meeting. His list include: Police Equipment, Sidewalks, Sidewalk Ramps, Street Repair & Maintenance, Planning Study, Medical Clinic Building repairs and Chlorine Updates and Wellhead Approval.

An email was sent to Marshal requesting his assistance on applying for a grant.

Mr. Smith will contact the Senior Center and ask to apply for a sidewalk grant through them, in conjunction with the town. The Senior Center is a 501c3 and would qualify to apply for different grants than the town could apply for.

The MPO will be asked to help fund the installation of sidewalk ramps.

It was suggested a 10 year plan be formulated for street repairs. Mr. Snavely already does a maintenance plan but the study proposed would rate each street and prioritize the repair needs. The town could apply for a DR2 grant and use a portion of that projects funds to repair the streets where they are cut for other work.

By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk, a letter of intent was signed for a storm/sanitary planning study. The Council directed the use of local funds for grant administration cost. Viki Powers, VLP Grant Administration, will be contacted to write and administer the grant.

Mr. Smith will contact Memorial Hospital to determine their interest in applying for grants to supplement repair cost. Repairs needed at the center include replacement windows, roof replacement and auxiliary heat for the heat pump furnace on the east side of the building.

4. Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 2015-1, Regulating Golf Carts and Off-Road Vehicles, Revoking Ordinance 2011-6 was passed by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk.

Misc.

The Town Office will be closed January 19th for Martin Lutheran King Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Camden Town Council

Jeff Sieber, President

Richard Fite

Kandance Funk

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer