

Camden Town Council Meeting
November 8, 2017
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:05. Present were Members Brent Deel and Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and five guests.

Motions to approve the October 11th minutes, the October Docket and Allowance Docket were made by Mr. Deel, and seconded by Mr. Schock. Claims were reviewed and signed by the Council prior to approving the docket.

Mr. Robison introduced Greg Aaron, President of the Community Foundation. Mr. Aaron gave a short presentation on the benefits of contributing to the foundation and the grants awarded to individuals and organizations.

Joyce McCarty, Star Development, presented the bids for the Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Project through IHCD. The two companies bidding are Hopkins Home Improvement and Bergstrom Home Improvement. Mr. Robison read each bid aloud for approval by the Council:

House Address:	Company:	Grant Amount:	Local Funds:	Motion:	Second:
193 E Main	Hopkins	\$19,062.00	\$4,029.00	Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
199 S Monroe	Bergstrom	\$27,472.00		Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
269 N Illinois	Bergstrom	\$16,106.00		Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
384 E Washington	Bergstrom	\$19,062.00	\$1,771.00	Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
196 N Indiana	Bergstrom	\$17,234.00		Mr. Deel	Mr. Robison
486 E Main	Bergstrom	\$19,062.00		Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
370 N Monroe	Bergstrom	\$19,062.00		Mr. Deel	Mr. Schock
TOTAL:		\$137,060.00	\$5,800.00		

The grant has a balance of \$52,940. Mrs. McCarty stated a very low income applicant is still needed to fulfill the grant requirements and if one does not come forward a portion of the funds may need to be returned. The Clerk-Treasurer's office has sent letters to certain individuals who may be eligible but with the very low income required, an applicant is difficult to find. The contract must be fulfilled by July, 2018, so there is still time to work this issue through.

Department Reports:

Utility Superintendent Reported:

- (1) Mr. Snively reported 26 tons of salt has been purchased for street use.
- (2) The total cost for removal of five trees discussed at the October meeting is \$3,600. Following discussion, Mr. Schock moved approving removal of four trees, seconded by Mr. Deel and passed. Mr. Deel stated two individuals have expressed an interest in the fifth tree, a walnut tree at the Scout Barn. The four trees being cut are: Kelly (\$700), Cree (\$1,000), Peters (\$700). and Yerkes (\$500). If the walnut tree is removed by the town it will cost \$700.
- (3) There has been no response from Duke Energy about extending power so security cameras can be added at the intersection of Water and Main Streets.
- (4) Repairs to the dump truck will be delayed until next spring. The truck will be needed for winter work so the repairs will need to wait.

Mr. Robison reported John Chapman has worked to take care of matters that have accumulated and feels things are up to date. The Marshal requested an external hard drive (approximately \$100) for the car's computer but the Council tabled that purchase after requesting more information on the age of the computer.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Reported:

(1) Permission was given to make the final payment of the SRF loan from 1999 by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Deel. Mr. Snively mentioned the filtration system will need work and the two wells cleaned. Each item will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and will be accomplished over the next few years.

(2) Discussion was held on updating the contracts for the use of the shooting range. Mrs. Briggs had prepared a list of questions which the Council worked through so a rough draft can be prepared for the December meeting and the final document ready by the first of the year. The ordinance on illegal dumping will be reviewed at the December meeting.

(3) The year end meeting will be held on December 20th.

(4) The Council decided mowing could end at 213 W Washington and a lien filed for the final 2017 expense.

Council Comments:

By a motion from Mr. Deel, seconded by Mr. Schock, the Council approved the health insurance plan with an 8.8% increase.

The town's DSL service is to be updated to 25M.

There is no update on the status of the suspended town marshal.

The Clerk-Treasurer was approved to spend up to \$300 for a Christmas tree. The banners and wreaths will be hung but the flower pots will not be decorated for the season.

Miscellaneous:

The Camden Preservation Society will host the annual Christmas Bazaar on November 25th. Contact Deb Foreman (574-686-2020) for information. Watch facebook for more information.

The Carroll County Christmas baskets will be filled at the Community Building starting December 3rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 by a motion from Mr. Schock.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

ATTEST:

Mark Schock

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel