

Camden Town Council Meeting
June 16, 2016
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Robison called the June meeting of the Camden Town Council to order at 7:00p.m. Present were Member Mark Schock and Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly. Member Brent Deel and Attorney Anne Briggs were absent. Mr. Robison welcomed seven guests to the meeting.

Motions to approve the minutes from the May 19th Regular Meeting, the June 8th Budget Meeting and the June Docket were all passed following motions from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. Claims were reviewed prior to the meeting.

Appointment Reports:

Doug Wagner, appointed to head Carroll County Area Plan on April 11th, introduced himself stating he was getting out and doing some physical checks on property set-backs. Attending the meeting with Mr. Wagner was Camden's representative to the Commission, Scott Billings. Mr. Wagner informed the Council of the county zoning ordinance in regards to chickens within town limits. Camden falls under the jurisdiction of the county for zoning issues. The property lot interested in having chickens is zoned U-1, Residential and chickens are not allowed. However, the property owner can follow the necessary steps and apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. If this is done, the town would be allow to set regulations to govern the issue on that lot. The variance would apply to just that lot and any other person interested in having chickens would need to follow the same steps and be awarded a variance. The town could make the variance exclusive to that particular owner or the variance could stay with the property but it would not travel from lot to lot should the person requesting the variance move. The variance stays with the property as long as the operation is not ceased for six months. If the operation is suspended for six months or longer, the variance is void. The Council was given a list of items to consider should they ask the attorney to prepare a policy on the issue.

Diane Wertz, a member of the committee working on the dedication of the Indiana Bicentennial Garden, presented a breakdown of expenses and revenue for the event and asked the Council to appropriate an addition \$200 - \$300 towards the expenses. The donations received to date and the projected cost to host the event were explained. Mr. Schock stated he would ask the Lion's Club and the Masonic Lodge to make donations and get back with Mrs. Wertz by the first Friday in July. The request to have town employees set the donated flagpole was granted. The Council was asked to participate in the dedication. The Council was given a copy of the draft program for the garden dedication and the invitation list for their review.

Department Reports:

Utility/Street Superintendent

Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corporation, presented the PASER Report and inventory of the town's streets. This report is a requirement in the submission of a matching grant from INDOT for street repairs. Counters have been placed on North Water Street to verify traffic, another requirement. When asked about the scope of the project, Mr. Schock volunteered to drive the street with Mr. Smith to verify exactly the work to be done. Spot sidewalk replacement and ADA ramps, as many as eight, will be included. The Metropolitan Planning Organization and Paul Coutts will be asked to write letters of support. Mr. Smith also believe the economic development possibilities and the connection between Hwy 75 and State Road 25 will improve the grant's likelihood of success.

In other street work Mr. Snavelly mentioned Central Paving would be putting gravel on North Water Street to cover the tar that is coming through on hot days (approximately \$300).

Mr. Snavelly stated the water annual report is complete and will soon be in the mail.

Marshal

Mr. Robison read the prepared Marshal's report highlighting the information on fireworks. Indiana law allows for fireworks to be used only between 9:00am and 11:00pm on days other than holidays. On holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and New Year's Eve) fireworks may be used between 9:00am and midnight. Citizens using fireworks were reminded they are responsible for any damaged caused and children should be supervised when using fireworks.

Clerk-Treasurer

1. When asked about sweeping Main Street, Mr. Robison said the City of Delphi will do the work at no cost. It will be done when their schedule allows. Mr. Snavelly was asked to spray the weeds along the curbs in preparation for the sweeping.

2. Members of the Council were given copies of the Internal Control Binder for their review. They were reminded that internal controls is a serious issue for the state and will be discussed periodically throughout the year.

3. Approval was given to set up a facebook page for the Garden Dedication.

4. Applications will continue to be accepted on the housing rehab grant until the first of July.

Council Comments

Mr. Shock mentioned the house on East Main Street has been torn down and the lot looks better. Mr. Robeson contacted Habitat for Humanity to see if they have an interest in purchasing the lot.

Mr. Robison has called about the delivery of the pick-up truck and is waiting to hear when it will be delivered.

The owner of Clinton County Disposal drove during this week's service and expressed concern about a property on West Washington Street who is setting out business trash along with his personal trash. Businesses are to contract for a dumpster or contact Clinton County Disposal to discuss the fee to have the extra trash removed.

The Carroll County EDC did not meet this week but will have their regular meeting next week. Mr. Schock will mention to the need to invoice Camden for the yearly dues.

Mr. Robison has contact INDOT on a regular basis inquiring as to when they will repair SR 218. He did hear from an unofficial source that Central Paving was awarded a contract for milling and paving but this has not been confirmed by INDOT.

Miscellaneous Business

A.. The Community Club will host a fish fry on June 18th, 5 - 7..

B. Town wide garage sales will be July 9th. The hours set for the sale are 8:00am until 2:00pm. Contact Deb Foreman or the office to get on the map and listed in the town sponsored ad in the Comet

C. The response for the second Small Vendor Day, held at the Community Building, has been slow. Interested parties were encouraged to contact Andy Robison to get registered. A fee of \$10 will be charged for each booth space..

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Camden Town Council

Andrew Robison, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Brent Deel