

**Camden Town Council Meeting**  
**August 20, 2015**  
**Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room**

Following the Pledge of Alliance, the Clerk-Treasurer reported Council President Jeff Sieber resigned effective that afternoon. Attorney Anne Briggs read aloud Mr. Sieber's letter of resignation. Mrs. Briggs will contact the Democratic Chairperson for instructions on filling the vacated seat. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council the first order of business would be appointing a new Council President. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Fite accepted the role and called the meeting to order at 7:10. Present were Member Kandance Funk, Attorney Anne Briggs, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly and seven guests.

Mr. Fite approved the minutes from the July 16th being as Ms. Funk was not able to attend that meeting. Motion to approve minutes from the July 21st meeting was made by Ms. Funk and seconded by Mr. Fite. The claims from July and Augusts were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance Report were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.

Department Reports

Utility/Street Superintendent Report:

Mr. Snavelly reported he is looking for a stand for the chlorine tank and expects to have more information on options within the next few days. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp., is revising the permit for the change over in the system since chlorine is now regulated by the state. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite, Mr. Smith was authorized to submit the revised permit for a 300 gallon containment system.

Mr. Smith also informed the Council smoke testing to determine infiltration of the sewer lines could begin soon. He mentioned a change in the plant operation which may reduce energy cost will be investigated as part of the planning grant. In 2002 storm sewer lines were installed on the north side of Camden and the planning grant will help determine if additional lines installed elsewhere would help.

The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

1. The 2016 budget has been submitted to DLGF and is available for public review through the Gateway website. The DLGF no longer requires the budget be advertized in the local papers. Anyone without access to a computer is welcome to come to the office to review the budget. The assessed values used in setting the budget were set low so when the budget is viewed the tax rate will be higher than this year. Once the true net assessed values are known, the true rate needed to meet the budget will be know. The Council should be prepared to make reductions in the budget once the true tax rate and expected revenue is known. The Council can decide if they want to do a formal reduction through DLGF or just an in-house reduction with the understanding that the appropriation report will say funds are available but by the agreed reductions, they will not be spent.

2. Discussion was held on what direction to take with the Bicentennial Garden. Mr. Fite stated he did not expect the garden to be as large as it is and requested a report on funds expended. He also thought the garden should be reduced in size and perhaps have the shape changed from a rectangle to a triangle for easier snow removal. When asked about the plowing, Mr. Snavelly said it would be easier if it was a triangle shaped garden. One additional concern Mr. Fite had was with the number of parking spaced the garden took away. The Council will meet at the garden on Tuesday, August 25th at 9:00AM to settle concerns. The Council approved applying to the state to have the garden classified a Bicentennial Legacy Project.

3. Mrs. Briggs requested reimbursement for mailing cost of nuisance and other letters. To date, she has spent \$21.30. By a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk, Mrs. Briggs is to submit quarterly expense reports for reimbursement.

4. The Town received notification of being awarded the storm water/wastewater planning grant in the amount of \$40,000. The local match of \$4,450 will be for grant administration costs. Work on the project will begin once the Release of Funds letter and the signed grant agreement are received.

5. The Council agreed to continue investigating applying for another low to moderate income housing rehab grant by a motion from Ms. Funk. Star Development will be contacted to see if they are available to attend the September meeting.

Public Comments

Steve Pearson reported brush and yard waste is being left on the County Mortuary lot and asked the town to remove it. Mr. Snively felt the job could be done without much trouble and will clean it up. It was also reported a tree service is leaving cut debris from out of town jobs at the burn pile. Mr. Snively stated he would keep on eye on that situation.

Joe Bradford expressed concern for vehicles speeding at the hill by his house on South Monroe Street. He stated his dog was ran over by a speeding pickup truck earlier this week and he felt a speed limit and blind curve signs would help. The marshals have been contacted about the situation.

Miscellaneous Items

The office will be closed September 7th for Labor Day.

The Camden Pageant will be held September 26th; applications are available at the town office.

Kentucky Mountain Mission will collect donated items on Sunday, September 27th. This will be the only day items can be brought to the Community Building due to the Pageant being held on the 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 following a motion from Ms. Funk.

Camden Town Council

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Richard Fite, President

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Kandance Funk

ATTEST:

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P. A. Casserly  
Clerk-Treasurer