

Camden Town Council Meeting
March 19, 2015
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

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 February 19th, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk. The claims from January and February were reviewed by the Council and the Docket and Claims Allowance were approved by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.

New Business

1. Appointment Report

No progress has been made towards appointing a representative to Carroll County Economic Development .

Pete Wagoner gave a brief update on the Camden-Flora Rail Corridor Commission and suggested the Council Members read the article in BioMass Magazine on S.G. Preston where the companies plans and vision is reviewed. The company plans to open a plant in Ohio and the proposed plant to be located in Logansport is mentioned along with other sites being investigated.

2. Department Reports

Mr. Snavelly reported the chlorine change over is in progress. Wood has been bought for the retainage system and it will be built as time allows. Once that is complete, he will contact the State Chemist Office for an inspection. The filter bypass will be installed on Monday which will result in a boil water order expected to be in effect for most if not all week. He has been working on patching potholes on Water Street, tackling the largest ones first. A CDL license is required because of the combined weight of the truck and leaf vac machine. The mandatory drug test can be done at the doctor's office in Flora. He will set something up and find out about the guidelines. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp. reported he is waiting for approval of the wellhead protection plan and then that will be complete.

The prepared Marshal's Report was distributed for review.

The Clerk-Treasurer's items included:

A. The Employee Manual effective date was set as June 1st to allow the Council Members time to review the manual. The manual is complete; job descriptions will be coming soon. The Council reviewed the Utility Assistant job description and it was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk. The question was raised on rather Short Term Disability should be extended to the new hire or if it would be a grandfathered benefit. By a motion from Mr. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite, Short Term Disability will be a benefit extended to the new hire.

B. The American Red Cross agreement for use of the Community Building as a shelter was approved by a motion from Mr. Fite, seconded by Ms. Funk.

C. Council will be seeking quotes to install ADA compliant sidewalk ramps by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite. By a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber, the Council approved a sidewalk replacement program for 2015. Information will be pulled together and ready for the April meeting.

D. Star Development will be asked to write and administer a housing rehabilitation program by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Fite.

E. The utility bills mailed April 1st will be actual readings - the first for most customers since December, 2014. Some customers may notice a substantially higher bill due to the January and February bills being estimated too low. Permission was given to adjust minimum usage customers whose bills were estimated too low.

3. Grant Information and Updates

Ken Smith reported he has been working on several grants to find funds to install a sidewalk from the Senior Housing south to Main Street. He will also re-submit an REMC grant for the downtown garden. Mr. Smith suggested applying to the IHCD for a grant to help demolish structures that pose health/safety issues.

4. Council commented on the following:

A. Mr. Fite is disturbed about the barking dogs and cats straying onto his property. He requested the marshals be aware of the barking and enforce the noise ordinance.

B. Ms. Funk expressed frustration with the garage on east Main Street. It still has not been turn down and is a safety issue. She asked for the owner to be cited.

C. Spring Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 18th.

D. The public hearing for the storm water/ sanitary water planning grant will be held April 16th. Statements of Qualifications for the planning grant are due March 23rd and interviews will take place March 27th.

E. Mr. Fite offered to sell his scissor-lift to the town for \$2,100. Following discussion, from which Mr. Fite excluded himself, the offer was accepted by a motion from Ms. Funk, seconded by Mr. Sieber. Mr. Fite will prepare a Conflict of Interest Statement prior to the completion of the transaction.

F. The Council will be accepting applications for the position of utility assistant and will be placing an ad in the Comet and the ConneXion papers. The Council will meet at 4:30 on April 6th to review the applications.

G. By a motion from Mr. Fite, the Council approved the 4-H Shooting Sports Sign.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

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Jeff Sieber, President

ATTEST:

Richard Fite

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Kandance Funk