

Camden Town Council Meeting
June 17, 2019
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-President Mark Schock opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:00. Present were Member Andrew Robison, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and eight guests. Council President Brent Deel was absent. Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the May 8th and May 28th meetings, the memorandum from the May 22nd Executive Session, the June Docket and Allowance Docket and the certification of detail revenue report. Mr. Schock provided the seconds for approval of all reports. Prior to the start of the meeting, Members were given an opportunity to review the claims and ask questions. A statement of acknowledgment of receiving the fund report, revenue report and fund reports was also signed. Signed copies of the Detail Revenue Report certification will be retained in the Docket binder along with the monthly docket, allowance report, and acknowledgment of receipt of monthly reports.

Barry Emmerson, Emmerson and Manahan, notified the Council of the proper steps have been taken to close the alley for Gordon Burrell at 667 N Water Street. Mr. Patrick Manahan had presented the request to the Council at the April meeting and completed the required notifications of the neighbors and legal publication. Mrs. Patsy Yerkes, 597 N. Water Street, questioned the location of the alley and once satisfied it did not involve her property, voiced no objection to the closure. Jerry Snavelly, Utility Superintendent, confirmed there were no town utilities in that area. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schock moved to accept Ordinance 2019-3, An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Roadway, seconded by Mr. Robison and passed. Mr. Emmerson then notified the Council of Carol Rice's desire to close an alley that runs through his property. Mr. Snavelly stated there is a four inch water main that runs through that area. The Council requested this be verified as Mr. Rice felt there was no utility in the alley. Mr. Emmerson was advised to proceed with the alley closing and an easement would be requested, if there is indeed a water line. Mr. Rice stated he did not intend to build within the current alley. Mr. Emmerson expects to return for final approval at the August 14th meeting, after publication of the notice and neighbors notified.

Department Reports:

Street Department Report:

1. Peerless Midwest was notified of the approval to replace the pump at a cost of \$12,829. Cleaning of the other well is projected to cost \$13,800 but the cost will increase if stone gets in the well during the cleaning. The water tower is due to be painted anytime; weather has caused delays. The painting is part of an ongoing maintenance program so that cost is already covered. When the tower is painted, Mr. Snavelly will have to pump directly from the wells and he can not have well work being done during that time.
2. The alleys are graded but the bill have not been received. Cost was \$90 per hour.
3. Discussion was held on who is responsible for painting the stripes on N. Monroe Street at the parking areas for the Cafe and library. Mr. Robison thought the contractor who paved the parking area in front of the community building said he would be back to re-stripe the area after the paving. Due to the uncertainty of the matter, discussion was tabled until more thought could be given to the issue.
4. Mr. Snavelly is still checking on prices to service the town's generators.

Marshal Report:

Marshal Jill Hammond read her report and provided a copy for the Council. Notices of nuisance ordinance violations have been mailed to several properties and two were returned to Mrs. Briggs's office as undeliverable. Since notice was attempted, Mrs. Briggs advised the problem properties could be abated by the town and liens placed on the property to cover all cost. Once notice is mailed, a citizen has ten days to appeal and fourteen days to abate. If the problem remains, the town can take action to correct any concern. Mrs. Briggs advised to clean up the property, bill the property owner, and file a lien to recover costs.

Concern was expressed about trash at 252 E. Cumberland. Mr. Snavely was asked by the Council to move it to the street for pickup.

There have been instances of people parking on sidewalks. Citizens were reminded to park at the curb, as is normal.

Mr. Robison expressed frustration with the property behind the library. They have been asked and letters written requesting they clean up their unsightly yard but no long-term corrective actions have taken place. A few items may be removed but the problem is not corrected. The Marshal stated she will review the nuisance ordinance and take action as directed in the ordinance which may result in a citation.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

1. The Council will meet July 16th at 2:00 to begin work on the 2020 budget.
2. The suggestion to update the employee manual by NewFocus at a cost of \$4,500 was tabled. The manual was last updated in 2009.
3. Resolution 2019-H, Additional Appropriation for the Community Crossing Street Grant was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock.
4. In an effort to improve internal controls, two changes have been implemented. The Council will now sign a certification of reviewing and approving a monthly detail revenue report and the Council will approve payroll prior to the checks being prepared.
5. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock, the town will submit a letter of support to the Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District for Deer Creek- Sugar Creek watershed management.
6. The Council approved requesting a quote from Anew Contractors to wash the exterior of the med center.

Old Business:

Mr. Schock stated there are two arborist at Purdue who are willing to help with a tree inventory which is required if the town applies for a Community & Urban Forestry Grant. He requested the application be emailed to him.

Members were unsure if the interior of the med center was finished being painted.

There has been no communication from the Carroll County EDC Board with a new contract; the current one expired on June 8th. It was mentioned that no local unit has received a contract proposal. No action was taken on appointment to that Board.

No new information was available on an exterior camera that will face the stop signal.

Utility Adjustment Request:

John and Melissa Allen requested an adjustment to their water bill due to a leak carrying over to an additional month. By a motion from Mr. Robison, the adjustment was approved. The question was asked as to who is responsible for the trees between the curb and the sidewalk and that would be the town. Mr. Allen stated a neighbor's tree was slightly uprooted during a recent wind storm and he fears the tree will fall on one of the nearby home. Mr. Snavely will look at the situation. If the tree is to be trimmed and not removed, that would be up to the property owner.

Miscellaneous:

1. Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer's office positions will be up for election in November. The last day to file to be on the ballot is noon on August 1st at the clerk's office at the court house. Interested citizens were encouraged to learn more about the positions and file.
2. The Town Wide Garage Sales will be July 6th. Camden, Flora and Rockfield will take part. People were encouraged to call in and get registered so they will be on the map.
3. Congressman Jim Baird is asking for volunteers to help collect the oral history for the Veterans' History Project. The mission is to protect, preserve, and make accessible the personal account of wartime veterans so future generations may hear directly from those who service. Information is at the town office.
4. The Masonic Tractor Pull will be July 20th. The program has expanded to include ball games.
5. Mr. Schock announced the Masonic Temple will re-dedicate the original Temple at Adams Mill at 11:00 Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Camden Town Council

Brent Deel, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Robison