

Camden Town Council Meeting
August 14, 2019
Camden-Jackson Twp. Library, Reading Room

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Brent Deel opened the regular meeting of the Camden Town Council at 7:00. Present were Members Mark Schock and Andrew Robison, Clerk Treasurer Pat Casserly, Attorney Anne Briggs and eight guests. Mr. Robison provided the motions to accept the minutes from the July 10th meeting, the August 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 reconciled bank statements, appropriation report, revenue report and fund report 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. Steve Pearson delivered two invoices to Mr. Deel minutes prior to the start of the meeting. By a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock, his claims of \$125 for mowing the water tower lot and \$25 for mowing at 546 E Main Street were approved and will be paid.

Barry Emerson of Emerson & Manahan, representing Carroll and Marilyn Rice, requested the closing of an alley East of Lots 3 and 4 and West of Lots 5 and 6 in Elmer R. Britton Subdivision. Ordinance 2019-4 allows the Town a utility easement due to the water line located in the alley. The easement is the same dimensions as the alley being requested to close. The property owners are not intending to build upon the vacated alley. Mr. Robison made the motion to approve the closure, seconded by Mr. Schock. Mrs. Rice expressed concern and questioned the condition the alley would be left in should any work be done by the town. Mr. Robison stated if work is required in the vacated alley way, the town would restore the area and plant grass seed.

Department Reports:

Street Department Report:

1. Mr. Snavelly stated one well has been serviced and the second well will be worked on after the water tower is painted. As part of the painting process, the tower is drained to eliminate condensation; therefore, water is pumped direct from the wells. The Council had requested a quote to paint the bottom portion of the tower a darker color which will be outside the ten year maintenance plan budget. The proposal from Utility Service Company to paint the underside of the tank a navy blue color was \$8,167. Mr. Robison made the motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Mr. Schock. Mr. Snavelly will inform Utility Service.
2. The three year contract with Buckeye Power Sales for generator maintenance was approved by a motion from Mr. Robison, seconded by Mr. Schock. The generator maintenance at the sewer plant will cost \$620, water plant, \$580 and town hall, \$535.
3. Action on replacing or repairing the snow plan was tabled to allow time for researching options.
4. A decision on replacing the tractor was tabled to allow time to review an estimate. Following discussion, the Council requested information on a mid-mount mower.

Marshal Report:

Mr. Deel read the Marshal's report. Mr. Robison thanked the Marshals for their work on encouraging people to clean up their property.

Clerk-Treasurer Report:

1. The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief review of the 2020 budget which is now advertised on the DLGF website. Comments included: (1) transfer as much as allowed into the Rainy Day Fund; (2) extra funds are planned in the Building line in the event the Council wants to make any major improvements; (3) funds in the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund will be allocated in the appropriation report in MVH but also in the Restricted Used MVH, as required by statute; (4) if necessary, additional appropriations can be requested up to December 15th of this year. The public hearing will be September 11th and adoption is planned for October 9th.
2. The completed income survey shows the town has a low-moderate income of 53.3% which allows the town to qualify to apply for certain state grants. The survey results are valid for five years.
3. The Council requested the retainage for the storm water project be held until the finish work is completed in October. The grant administrator will be contacted to be sure this will not jeopardize the grant close out.

Old Business:

A program to replace trees is still being discussed. Mr. Robison questioned the wisdom of applying for a grant that will pay 50% of the cost when it may be less expensive to just purchase trees and do the work without a grant. A 1 1/2 inch tree could cost between \$150 and \$200. The grant will require a tree inventory and that cost is unknown. Mr. Snavely reminded the Council that the tree placement could not interfere with street crossing site and there are underground utilities in certain right-of-ways.

It was noticed that the inside painting of the Medical Center was not finished - an exam room was missed. The Council will request quotes to replace the Center's flooring however, this work may be postponed until 2020. Mr. Deel is working on finding a stone mason to repair the exterior of the Center.

Toby Schock has been contacted to repair the east eave of the Community Building where the wood is rotting. A quote from Wesley Wright to paint a portion of the brick, the awning and outside overhang ceiling at the Med Center, two bathrooms at the Community Building (walls and floor) and paint the exterior where needed at a cost of \$2350 was approved by a motion from Mr. Schock, seconded by Mr. Robison. Mr. Deel stated he would contact Mr. Wright and let him know the work was approved.

There is no update on a contract with EDC; the current contract expired in July. Mr. Deel mentioned no government units who are members of the EDC have been approached with an updated contract. When asked about the third appointment to the Board to represent the town, Mr. Deel acknowledged no one has expressed an interest in serving on the Board.

Mr. Deel is still working on an exterior camera that will face the stop signal.

The Council discussed the property at 546 East Main Street in length. It is expected to be listed in the October property tax sale and the Town has several liens on the property for past due sewer/trash bills. Mr. Robison asked if the Town could forgive those liens when the property sells as a means of encouraging someone to purchase the property. No action will be taken until after the sale but Mrs. Briggs will need to research that question and get back with the Council.

Miscellaneous:

1. Filing to run for Town Council and Clerk-Treasurer's office positions is now closed. The Council will run unopposed. Jeff Sieber and Renee Briseno have filed to run for Clerk Treasurer.
2. The Lion's Club Garden Tractor Pull will be July 20th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

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Brent Deel, President

Mark Schock

ATTEST:

P. A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer

Andrew Robison