

CAMDEN TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMDEN INDIANA
AUGUST 12, 2020

The Camden Town Council met in a legally advertised meeting on Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 PM in the Community Building. A change from the normal location was made so social distancing could be implemented.

Those present were Council President Brent Deel, Members: Mark Schock, Clerk Treasurer Jeff Sieber, Jerry Snavely, Marshal Jill Hammond, Attorney Anne Briggs and 9 guests.

Mr. Deel opened a Public Hearing in reference to the Water Study Grant. Ken Smith explained what the grant would cover and what the town would be using the funds for. He asked if there was any questions from the council or community members in reference to the application of the grant. With no questions being asked, Mr. Schock made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:10.

Mr. Deel lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance after opening the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Schock and a second from Mr. Deel to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting and all Dockets and reports submitted.

Mr. Snavely presented the council with an invoice from Aaron Record for \$1500.00 for removal of the tree at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. He also made the council aware that he and his assistant have been trimming low hanging branches over the streets.

Mr. Snavely also said he has requested an estimate for the aspirator motor at the lift station. Problems have risen due to being plugged with baby wipes. No update has been received on the new John Deere mower.

Marshal Hammond submitted her report for July (as attached) and spoke about her continued effort of staying on top of several ordinance violations.

Clerk Treasurer, Jeff Sieber stated he has his first meeting with DLGF on Tuesday, Aug. 18 regarding the 2021 budget. He also stated the moratorium on utility late fees would be coming to an end on Friday, August 14. He said that he was in contact with other clerks to see how they are dealing with the back balances. A contract will be instituted for back payments related to COVID.

Julia Leahy introduced Neil Mylet to the council who informed them that he has recently purchased the Select Seed building at the light. He went on to explain that he plans to transform the building into a Community Center that will be an innovative, hands on place where kids can go and have high speed internet, individual specific classes and other educational resources at their fingertips. Mylet went on to say that he has already been in talks with the Governor, several grant applications and the National Historic Register regarding the building. He is in hopes that he can have the building to a point of allowing kids in to start using the facility in the next 6 to 8 months.

Brett Rinehart and Mariam Robeson spoke regarding the Carroll County EDC. They explained what the county has been doing for the county and how getting business in to the area has been difficult, especially during the past several months with the pandemic situation. They also explained that there can be a long waiting period between projects due to timing of the projects. Said the EDC has been working off of a 10-15 Strategic Plan. He also said that the Rep for the Camden area should be the one coming to the council with updates and requests. They both also explained the request for an up to date contract and it would only be for 1 year and would cover 2020. The council explained their concerns of the EDC and expressed that under the current leadership, no contract would be signed.

It was questioned if the Annual Camden Pageant and Holiday Bazaar could or should be held this year. The council said they will leave it up to the Chairman of each to make that decision with the understanding that whatever the regulations are at the time, they will be followed in the Community Building.

Ordinance 2020-2 regarding sidewalk reimbursement and Ordinance 2020-4, amending ordinance 1981-3 regarding chickens in town were signed in to effect.

Pete Wagner informed the council he had recently attending the meeting regarding the work done on State Road 218. He stated that work is scheduled to begin in January of 2023.

Next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2020.

Mr. Schock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Deel. Meeting adjourned at 7:57P.M.

Council:

Brent Deel - President

Mark Schock

Andrew Robinson

Attest:

Jeff Sieber
Clerk-Treasurer