

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
September 9, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmanson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting is being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on September 2, 2013, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign; and
- b. The Official Bulletin Boards; and
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Mayor Edmanson led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Edmanson led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Edmanson, Vice Mayor King, Councilman Casquarelli, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Green.

Council Absent: None

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property tax payments are due by September 30, 2013.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to approve the August 5, 2013 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Casquarelli, seconded by Councilman Dougherty to approve the August 5, 2013 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the Town solicited request for proposals for Chief Financial Officer. Only one proposal was returned, from First State CPA.

Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to accept the offer from First State CPA.

Councilman Green questioned the length of the contract.

Mr. Chaffinch replied one year.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson's report included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Councilman Dougherty stated that the town purchased two 2013 Explorers and that there has been conversation about purchasing a new police vehicle in 2014.

Chief Bryson stated that the two Explorers are working great. Chief added that the 2014 Dodge Charger will be an all-wheel vehicle that could possibly be a good choice.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch indicated that the town wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Harvest Years will be hosting their semiannual yard sale the same day.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Town Clerk Jamie Fenske received the Municipal Clerk Class Scholarship.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 188 medical calls and 36 fire calls.

Mr. Rigsby also reminded resident's bingo every Tuesday night, doors open at 5:30pm.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mayor Edmanson reported that there was budget workshop Tuesday, August 27, 2013 for the CWSWA. During this workshop there was no proposed rate increases. The budget will be voted on at the September 10, 2013 meeting.

Mayor Edmanson added that the Town of Camden supports that there not be a rate increase.

Councilman Green read part of a letter that was sent to Mayor and Council from the Water and Sewer Committee.

Councilman Green stated that he would like to have a meeting with Camden Town Council and Camden Board of Directors for the CWSWA in public forum.

Councilman Dougherty stated that the Town of Wyoming will also be having a meeting with their Town Council and Board of Directors.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Burke had nothing to report.

MAYOR

Mayor Edmanson announced that September 28th from 8am to noon will be the community yard sale. Vendors will be set up at Town Square at 8am serving ice cream, funnel cakes, and barbeque.

Mayor Edmanson expressed his excitement that a study was done by NerdWallet, and Camden was rated the fourth best town in Delaware to raise a family.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of new member to Planning Commission

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he met with a gentleman last month that was interested in joining the Planning Commission. Due to a new job offer in Maryland he is no longer able to take the position on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Chaffinch announced that if anyone is interested in joining the Planning Commission to please contact Town Hall.

Accept CFO bid

Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to accept the First State CPAs as the Chief Financial Officer.

A motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to follow the Town Manager's recommendation for First State CPA's as the Chief Financial Officer. All in favor; none opposed.

RFP – Award street resurfacing bid

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the street resurfacing request for proposals were due September 4, 2013. Six bids were received. The lowest bid was \$239,978 from Delmarva Paving.

Mr. Chaffinch added that George and Lynch will be providing the milling machine if Delmarva Paving's bid is accepted. Also this bid does not include markings on the street.

Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to accept Delmarva Paving for the street resurfacing project.

Councilman Casquarelli asked what the time frame is on the project.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that it will be done by the end of November unless there are extreme weather conditions.

Mr. Chaffinch specified that Representative Blakey gave \$132,000 and Senator Bushweller gave \$100,000 for the street resurfacing project, which would leave the town accountable for approximately \$8,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli to accept the bid from Delmarva Paving for the street resurfacing project. All in favor; none opposed.

Colonel Haslett Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation

Mr. Chaffinch read the Colonel Haslett Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation.

Mayor Edmanson signed the Proclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Green wished Mayor Edmanson a happy birthday.

Mayor Edmanson applauded Representative Blakey and Senator Bushweller for their generous help.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*