

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
August 4, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on July 28, 2014, in the following manner:

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

Mayor King led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Green, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Casquarelli, and Councilwoman Torres.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Finance Officer John Kelly.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Property tax payments are due by September 30, 2014. Payments received after September 30th 4:00pm are subject to a 1.5% finance charge each month the account is rendered delinquent.

Second annual town-wide yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, 2014. Mayor King added that Saturday, September 27th is also Rider Pride Day.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 1st, 2014 in observance of Labor Day. Next scheduled Town Council meeting will be Monday, September 8th, 2014.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the July 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. John Kelly stated that he will have the cost of the property discount available for September's Council Meeting.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson explained that there is a yield sign at Walmart Drive and Lochmeath Way that has caused a number of minor accidents. Per Del Dot, due to the painted island at the intersection there needs to be a yield sign.

Chief Bryson's recommendation was to do away with the island and change the yield sign to a yield to pedestrian sign.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned if a new police vehicle was budgeted.

Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, stated that it is in the budget under RETT.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that taxes are coming in very well.

Mr. Chaffinch added that Mr. Tom Josiah has completed the audit for 2012 and is estimated to be completely done by the end of this week.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

None.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Green stated that the next regular meeting will be August 19th, 2014 at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

Mayor King thanked Mr. and Mrs. Burke for hosting the annual Friends of Historic Camden picnic.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked the town employees for all of their work.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Eliassen for being dedicated to the town since 2002 and for his great service.

Mayor King thanked Councilwoman Torres for her thoughtful gift from Council to Amanda Marlow.

OLD BUSINESS

Tamarac grass cutting

Mr. Eliassen stated that the town has been cutting the grass off and on at Tamarac for at least the past 12 years.

Vice-Mayor Green added that expenses are continuing to increase while revenue is not.

Mr. Eliassen added that with due notice, doing away with cutting of open space would be a good idea for the town.

Mayor King stated that grass cutting for all open space needs to be a discussion for the September 8, 2014 Council Meeting.

Mayor King opened the floor for public comment.

Linda Moore – 168 Thomas Harmon Dr., questioned how much notice Chapel Croft was given when the town was done cutting their grass.

Chief Bryson stated that he believes Mrs. Moore is thinking of the leaf collection that was stopped everywhere.

Josie Lee- 46 N Kimmer Ln, explained that she is upset that she is paying for someone else to have their grass cut.

Mayor King explained that Mayor and Council are trying to stop the grass cutting while being respectful to those that don't know that the town is not responsible for the grass cutting.

NEW BUSINESS

Police equipment

Chief Bryson reported that the police radios are becoming outdated. Motorola currently has an offer available if new radios are purchased before Dec 31, 2015.

Chief Bryson explained that he would like to take advantage of the Motorola offer and purchase 1 mobile and 10 portable radios this year.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if there was grant money available.

Chief Bryson stated that there is no grant money foreseeable future.

Motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to authorize Chief Bryson \$17,293 to purchase new police radios. All in favor; none opposed.

Potholes/street repair

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he has spoken to Representative Blakey about financial assistance for potholes/street repair around town and a catch basin sinkhole by Walmart. Representative Blakey stated that he will be able to cover \$15,000 for the sinkhole and will be able to give assistance for the street repairs as well.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he has collected three bids for the catch basin sinkhole by Walmart.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to authorize Mr. Chaffinch up to \$12,865 to fix catch basin by Walmart. All in favor; none opposed.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that he would like sealed competitive bids for the upcoming various street repairs.

Councilman Casquarelli added that a highly detailed statement of work needs to be listed for bidders. Also prevailing wages needs to be included in all bids.

A motion was made Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to set a sealed bid platform, with proper advertisement to invite qualified bidders, with the exception of emergency repairs. All in favor; none opposed.

Comprehensive Plan rezoning proposal

Mr. Chaffinch explained that in January 2014 an amendment was adopted to our Comprehensive Plan. Within 18 months of adoption a zoning review must be completed.

IPA has submitted a proposal of \$4,600 to assist with the rezoning.

Councilman Dougherty added that this zoning review is required by state law.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green, to authorize the Town Manager \$4,600 to hire IPA for the planning services agreement. All in favor; none opposed.

Copy/printer proposals

Chief Bryson explained that Lasertone was referred by Delaware Micro Computers for new copiers/printers. Currently the cost for 3 copiers is \$230 a month. With Lasertone the town would save \$90 a month on 2 copiers but a new copier would need to be purchased. Hilyards currently has the State contract but they will not service any of the current machines. The town can lease 3 new machines from Hilyards for \$238 a month with a \$107 a month service fee.

Vice-Mayor Green asked employees for a recommendation at the September 5, 2014 Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Chordas-25 Kathleen Ct, explained that her residence has been posted condemned due to a device exploding in her house. Aftermath came in and cleaned the garage, laundry room, and kitchen. She met with a doctor from Department of Health and he stated through a sniff test he could detect that there were still chemicals in the house. Mrs. Chordas explained that she would like a specialist to come in to test the house to see if chemicals are still inside present.

Mr. Eliassen explained that the Code Enforcer ordered the condemnation and if Mrs. Chordas would like to appeal his order then she would need to pay \$200 to present her case to the Board of Adjustment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Casquarelli questioned if the tax discount was given to property tax bills that were less than \$20.

Mr. Chaffinch stated yes, the discount was given to everyone.

Vice-Mayor Green stated the current Mayor and Council are a great group to work with.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32p.m. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*