

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
January 4, 2016**

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 December 23, 2015, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Official Bulletin Board,
- c. The official Town of Camden Web Site,
- d. The News Journal, and
- e. The Delaware State News.

Vice-Mayor Green 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, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, and Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.

Municipal election is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th from 12-8 pm at the Camden Municipal Building: Positions open: 1 Mayoral seat and 1 Council seat.

Town Hall will be open January 20th until 8pm for candidates to file for notification of candidacy.

MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the December 7, 2015 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist, Amanda Marlow, reported that the auditors will be at the March Council meeting. Mr. Josiah will be present at the February Council meeting for the quarterly report.

Mrs. Marlow explained that all business licenses and rental licenses are due January 29, 2016 by 4pm.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson explained that there have been several robberies around Camden and Dover areas. Also he warned residents to be careful with different phone scams that are going after the elderly.

Mayor King added that the recruit is due to graduate Friday, February 12th.

Chief Bryson stated that there the new officer will undergo 12 weeks of field training.

Mayor King questioned when the new Tahoe is due to be delivered.

Chief Bryson explained that it should be here in February.

Councilman Dougherty questioned how long a prisoner is detained in our jail cell for.

Chief Bryson replied that it could be anywhere from one hour to 8 hours.

Mayor King added that a prisoner cannot be left in a jail cell without supervision.

Mayor King questioned Chief Bryson if he thinks that the relocation of Troop 3 has added to the robberies that are going on in the area.

Chief Bryson stated that it could be in result of the less police presence.

Mayor King reported that he wants to keep pushing for more police so that there will be a cover shift to help when there is someone detained, to help with police presence, to assist with police safety, and crime.

Vice-Mayor Green agreed that is all for another new police officer to be added to the force.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the new public works employee started today. He also added that a lot of business and rental license payments were processed today.

Councilman Dougherty stated that he would like the new public works employee to work on the puddle that is at the end of Walmart Drive near Chick-fil-A to see if he can alleviate the water issue.

Councilman Casquarelli asked to have Camden Wyoming Avenue sidewalks cleaned from all of the pebbles from the road work that DelDOT did.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 265 medical calls and 43 fire calls for the month of September 2015.

Mr. Rigsby explained that the new squad is here and is the first new apparatus that the Fire Department has purchased in 20 years and it should be in service this month. He added that it is the only squad in Kent County and one of two for the entire state of Delaware.

Vice-Mayor Green wished Mr. Rigsby and the entire fire department a safe year.

Councilwoman Torres urged everyone to donate to the Camden Wyoming Fire Department.

Mayor King questioned Mr. Rigsby if he saw a lag in response time from the move of Troop 3.

Mr. Rigsby explained that he has not noticed a lag. He added that the fire department has a great relationship with the Camden Police Department.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Dan Ridgeley reported that he has been on the CWSWA Board of Directors for almost a year. They currently have a balanced budget and are not planning on raising any rates. He invited everyone to attend the monthly meetings that are the second Tuesday of every month.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Ridgeley for his dedicated service, attendance and his report. He thanked Mr. Ridgeley for his volunteerism and for doing such a fantastic job at no expense to the Town.

Vice-Mayor thanked Mr. Ridgeley for his report and his service.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Commander Garduno reported that the Post's new LED sign is up. He added that the Post went smoke free on January 1st. There will be an Arctic Blast at Bowers Beach on January 23rd in support of the Veterans Mental Health Initiatives.

Mayor King thanked Commander Garduno for his report and his assistance with Caroling in Camden.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Ms. Fenske and Mrs. Marlow for putting on the Town Christmas party for the second year in a row. He also thanked Council and staff for their dedication and hard work.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Parking Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the parking ban will go into effect when the snow fall exceeds one inch and the vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

No public comment.

Councilman Dougherty explained that he feels this amendment is long overdue.

Vice-Mayor Green agreed that he thinks this is a great amendment.

Mayor King thanked Councilwoman Torres for bringing this amendment into works.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the new amendment is in a letter going out by the Mayor and will be on the town website.

Mayor King questioned if there would be signs put around town.

Mr. Chaffinch explained the signs cost about \$100 each.

Chief Bryson stated that his suggestion is to give written warnings at first to bring it to people's attention.

Mayor King recommended more signage around town.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres; approve the final reading of the Amendment to the Ordinance #62 Establishing Parking Regulations for the Streets and Roadways within the Town of Camden and Penalties and Violations thereof. Roll Call;

Mayor King – Yes

Vice-Mayor Green – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Casquarelli – yes

Motion carries.

Appointment to CWSWA Board of Directors – Daniel Woodall

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Mr. Couming's term expired at the end of December and he is not looking to renew. Mr. Chaffinch made his recommendation to appoint Mr. Woodall to the CWSWA Board of Directors.

Mr. Woodall addressed Mayor and Council and explained that he is a long time resident of Camden and an employee of the Department of Agriculture which he feels will benefit the residents of the Town of Camden with him being on the Board of Directors.

Mayor King made his recommendation to appoint Mr. Woodall.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that he feels Mr. Woodall seems very qualified for the appointment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres; approve the appointment of Daniel Woodall to the Camden Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority Board of Directors. All in favor; none opposed.

ADA Ramp Installation Bids

Mr. Chaffinch reported that there were two bids submitted for the ADA Ramp installation, HT Masonry \$30,600 and Mitten Construction for \$44,300. His recommendation was to go with HT Masonry. He added that \$23,500 is still needed to cover the ramps but he is going to ask Representative Yearick and Senator Bushweller for assistance.

Mayor King asked to have the affected residents notified before work is to begin.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green; approve the ADA ramp installation bid submitted by HT Masonry and award them the project. Roll call:

Mayor King – Yes

Vice-Mayor Green – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Councilman Dougherty – yes

Councilman Casquarelli – yes

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Savage – 302 Meeting House Ln, stated that she is witnessing a lot of speeders coming through Camden Commons and asked if speed bumps would be allowed.

Chief Bryson explained that the speed bumps would cause a lot of issues for the snow plows but stated that he will try to send an officer out to help with the speeders.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor and Council wished everyone a happy and safe new year.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 pm. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Casquarelli, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*