

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
December 7, 2015**

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 November 30, 2015, in the following manner:

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

The Boy Scouts 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

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice Mayor Green, to move New Business item b. Proclamation for Past Fire Department President to after the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor King thanked everyone for attending Caroling in Camden on December 4, 2015. He thanked Amanda Marlow, Jamie Fenske, Melissa Piazza, Harold Scott, Mr. Chaffinch, Chief Bryson, the Police Department, Fire Department, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Barclay Farms, Friends of Historic Camden, local schools and dance studios, VFW, and Camden Walmart, for all of their assistance in making a great event.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice Mayor Green, to approve the November 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation for Past Fire Department President

Mayor King and Mr. Chaffinch read and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Leroy Dear, Jr.

Mayor King stated his gratification to Mr. Dear for his dedication.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist, Amanda Marlow, reported that everything in the budget is in line. She added that \$103,931 was transferred to the money market savings per Council's request.

Mayor King thanked Councilman Dougherty for his recommendation to transfer money into the money market savings account.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Bryson explained that the surrounding areas are having car theft issues as well.

Vice Mayor Green thanked Chief Bryson for his great job with the parking at Caroling in Camden.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that 3 applicants were interviewed for the public works position. He added that a retired City of Dover employee accepted the position.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the prevailing wages will come into play since ADA compliant ramps are necessary. Center Street is fully funded by the Representative and Senator so no prevailing wages will be necessary. Mr. Chaffinch added that the goal is to get full funding by the Senator and Representative for the ADA ramps.

Vice Mayor Green questioned if the paving project will cost the same as bid if it is not started until the spring.

Mr. Chaffinch replied that it would cost the same and that the contractors have a heads up that it will not start until spring.

Vice Mayor Green suggested to speak to Deldot first before the next project.

Mr. Chaffinch added that the duct cleaning was completed on Sunday, November 15th.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mike Briningham, Fire Department President, presented the report.

Mr. Briningham explained that the Fire Department is always looking for new volunteers.

Mayor King thanked the CWFD for their help with the Caroling in Camden event.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Mr. Peter Couming's term for the CWSWA Board of Directors is up at the end of this month and he is not seeking a second appointment.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Fahey stated that the Friends of Historic Camden went through about 30 dozen cookies at Caroling in Camden.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Fahey and the Friends of Historic Camden for their help!

VFW

Commander Garduno stated that today we honor Pearl Harbor. He also explained that the VFW went through 30 gallons of hot chocolate at Caroling in Camden.

Councilman Dougherty thanked Commander Garduno and all of the veterans for their service.

Mayor King thanked Commander Garduno for his dedication and report.

MAYOR

Mayor King explained that residents around town have expressed that they would like to see the tree at Town Square lit and would like to have decorations around town. He thanked everyone that participated and came out to Caroling in Camden.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Ordinance

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Councilwoman Torres, Councilman Dougherty, Chief Bryson, Harold Scott, and he met this afternoon to discuss amending the parking ordinance #62. This will not allow parking on the streets after snowfall exceeds one inch.

Mr. Chaffinch read the title of Amendment to Parking Ordinance #62.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Green, seconded by Councilman Dougherty; to approve the first reading of the Amendment to the Parking Ordinance #62. All in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jackson Morgan thanked Mayor, Council, and everyone who put on Caroling in Camden.

Mr. Dick Chapel, Chapelcroft, questioned if the parking ordinance will affect the entire town.

Mr. Jesse Garcia recommended to reach out to businesses around town for donations towards holiday decorations. He also questioned when leaf collection was.

Ms. Fenske replied that it is every other Tuesday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Green wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

Councilwoman Torres explained that her daughter had a great time at Caroling in Camden. She also added that she thinks Caroling in Camden is a great community event.

Mayor King wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 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**