

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
October 5, 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 September 28, 2015, in the following manner:

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

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

Mayor King announced that trick or treating will be Saturday, October 31st 6-8pm.

MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the September 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist, Amanda Marlow, reported that the property taxes are now past due.

Mrs. Marlow added that Mr. Josiah is preparing for the 2015 audit and Horthy and Horthy should be done their onsite review by December.

Mayor King asked for a comparison of 2014 and 2015 property taxes to be put into the November Council packet.

POLICE REPORT

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

Mayor King questioned how the new recruit was doing at the academy.

Chief Bryson replied that he hasn't heard anything.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for everything that he does and for great response time. He added that he has received several positive feedbacks from the local businesses about the police department.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she has spoken to Senator Bushweller about the safe routes to school and it should be started in the next 2 to 3 weeks. She thanked Chief Bryson for the great police presence.

Vice-Mayor Green thanked Chief Bryson for all that he does.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported the grass at Newells Creek and Walmart by the pond all the way until the CWSWA fence is the responsibility of Newells Creek HOA.

Councilwoman Torres questioned Mr. Chaffinch if he contacted the HOA to inform them of this.

Mr. Chaffinch replied no.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the street paving project pre bid meeting will be tomorrow, October 6, 2015 at 1pm. There will be pictures and a scope of work available. This meeting is mandatory to attend to be able to submit a bid. RFP's are due October 20th by 3pm.

Mr. Chaffinch added that 7-8 applications have been collected for the public works position. On October 16th he will begin to look at what has been collected.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that he had an inquiry from a previous town employee that was laid off in 2007. The applicant explained that he was making \$19.60 when he was let go. He is familiar with how to operate the street sweeper and the plow. Mr. Chaffinch stated that the gentleman is willing to take a pay cut but not to \$12.19 an hour.

Vice-Mayor Green explained that he heard that the paving project prevented fixing the brown water problem.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that we just now advertised for the current project.

Councilwoman Torres added that on the previous street paving project, the CWSWA did not have time to fix the pipes.

Mayor King stated that the CWSWA will be contacted on all forward projects.

Mr. Chaffing added that he will call the CWSWA first thing tomorrow morning.

Vice-Mayor Green suggested sending the CWSWA a written notification so that there is documentation.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if the public works job posting is on the website.

Ms. Fenske responded that it is on the website.

Vice-Mayor Green explained that he does not think that experience is needed.

Councilman Dougherty added that the new CWSWA water tower is scheduled to be completed in spring of 2016.

Councilwoman Torres stated that Senator Bushweller has asked why the CWSWA does not do routine flushing like the City of Dover does to help with brown water.

Councilman Casquarelli questioned if the CWSWA has a plan or schedule of when they are going to replace pipes.

Mr. Chaffinch replied not that he is aware of.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tom Rigsby of the CWFD reported 211 medical calls and 54 fire calls for the month of September 2015.

Mr. Rigsby applauded the fire department and their 14 volunteer averages per call. He added that the new command vehicle is being taken home by different staff officers that allow them to go straight to the scene which can be very beneficial.

Mr. Rigsby also mentioned that the fire department is getting a new truck that should arrive by the end of the month.

Mayor King, Councilwoman Torres, Vice-Mayor Green, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Casquarelli thanked Mr. Rigsby for his report and service.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

Mrs. Tracy Green stated that the Friends of Historic annual picnic was well attended. She added that the elections will be at the next regular meeting October 20, 2015, 7pm, at Barclay Farms clubhouse.

VFW

Commander Garduno reported that they had a ceremony at Town Hall to recognize September 11th. Also on January 1, 2016 the Camden VFW will become a non-smoking hall.

Mayor King thanked Commander Garduno for his dedication and report.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked Council and staff for all of their hard work. He is also expressed his gratitude for the new recruit position. He added that he hopes the public works position will be filled before inclement weather.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Soliciting Ordinance

Chief Bryson explained that he and Ms. Fenske worked on this jointly. There have been several complaints coming into the police department about solicitors coming around door to door and this will hopefully help illuminate those complaints. He added that there will be a no solicitation registration that residents can sign up for so that solicitors are not able to legally come to their residence.

Mr. Eliassen explained that he will review the ordinance farther before the November Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Torres added that she thinks this is a great idea for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres; approve the first reading of Ordinance #2015-O-06 Soliciting Ordinance.

Servpro proposal

Mr. Chaffinch explained that in December 2014 Servpro came to town hall to evaluate the mold that is around the ducts. They found 109 vents and returns that need to be treated. The ducts will be sprayed and the vents will be cleaned for \$3,815.

Mayor King recommended reaching out to other companies to get additional bids.

Councilwoman Torres questioned how long the cleaning would last and how often it would have to be done.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the email did not state how long it would last or how often it would need to be done.

Chief Bryson added that Servpro did the cleaning after the first flood in this building.

Vice-Mayor Green questioned if this is something that town maintenance staff could take care of.

Councilman Casquarelli expressed that you need to be licensed in the State of Delaware to clean up black mold.

Councilwoman Torres stated that this is something that should be cleaned up for health reasons.

Mayor King asked to have this put on the November Council Meeting Agenda.

Diabetes Proclamation

Mr. Chaffinch reported that this proclamation was a request from Nichole Armour of Town of Wyoming. Mr. Chaffinch read the title only Diabetes Awareness Proclamation.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Green; approve the Diabetes Awareness Proclamation.

Rental Licenses

Vice-Mayor Green explained that he has had several discussions with residents about what happens when a rental is in disrepair. He would like to protect the tenant along with prevent unsightly conditions for the neighbors.

Mr. Eliassen reported that a town ordinance would not preempt the landlord tenant code.

Vice-Mayor Green stated that after further review of the rental ordinance he does not feel that there needs to be any additional ordinances but feels that the rental ordinance needs to be enforced better.

Councilwoman Torres questioned if subletting is allowed.

Mr. Eliassen explained that as long as there is a rental license than it is allowed. He added that the zoning could cause an issue if there are multiple families living in the same household.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Moore- 168 Thomas Harmon Dr, explained that she does not feel that it is right that religious groups should need a background.

Mr. Eliassen explained that if everyone has to get a background check than it is not discriminatory.

Susan Savage added that she likes the background check idea and thinks that people would appreciate knowing that the solicitors have had to forego a background check to help ensure their safety.

John Fifer stated that he would like to see focus be put on the houses that the town has received complaints and tips about. He also suggested applying a fine to get the homeowners attention.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Torres stated that she is in support of the solicitation ordinance and the background check to help ensure everyone's safety. She added that she would like to see a snow ordinance that would prevent street parking on the roads after snowfall to help the snow plows clear the streets better.

Councilman Casquarelli explained that he would like to see new rental licenses have inspections done.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 pm. a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Green, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*