

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
February 12, 2018**

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 January 29, 2018, in the following manner:

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

Vice-Mayor Schock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Schock, and Councilwoman Torres.

Absent: Councilman Dougherty and Councilman Findley.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Chief Financial Officer Tom Josiah.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed February 19th, 2018 in observance of President's Day.

The 2018 Municipal Election has been cancelled for Saturday, February 24, 2018. Mayor King will remain in office for another 2 year term and Councilman Findley will remain in office for another 3 year term.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the January 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Dougherty and Councilman Findley absent. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Horty & Horty

Paige Rubino represented Horty & Horty. She thanked Mrs. Marlow and Mr. Josiah for all of their assistance with helping complete another extremely smooth audit. She stated that they have issued an unmodified clean opinion. She commended Mayor, Council, and staff for doing a great job on another successful budget. She added that there were no management recommendations from this audit.

Mayor King explained that the budgeted and actual expenses were only different by approximately \$1,100. He thanked Mrs. Marlow and Mr. Josiah for their excellent work.

Mr. Josiah recommended Mayor and Council accept the fiscal year 2017 final audit as presented by Horty & Horty.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to accept. Roll Call:

Mayor King – yes

Vice-Mayor Schock – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Councilman Dougherty and Councilman Findley absent. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Josiah provided Mayor and Council with his written quarterly review. He explained that the revenue is exceeding the planned budget at this time because of real estate transfer funds. He cautioned Mayor and Council that this additional revenue will be needed for public safety.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Josiah for the great work that he provides the town.

Vice-Mayor Schock and Councilwoman Torres thanked Mr. Josiah for his report.

Mr. Josiah thanked Mayor and Council for listening to his and Mrs. Marlow's suggestions.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Neese gave the monthly report for November and December. He added that the average persons on call for November was 13 and 14 for December.

Mr. Neese explained that the solar panels are working and they are on a 6 year pay out. He added that they are looking at getting more panels on the otherside of the building.

Mr. Neeses stated that the fire department is doing a shoe drive as a fundraiser and invited everyone to participate. He explained that if anyone would like to donate they can drop them off at the fire house or he would be willing to come pick them up from Town Hall.

Mr. Neese reported that the CWFD is looking at purchasing two new ambulances. He thanked other departments for allowing the CWFD borrow their ambulances while repairs are being made.

Mayor King questioned how the Sponsor a Firefighter Fundraiser went.

Mr. Neese explained that it went really well and helped the CWFD very well. He added that Meat Mechanics will soon be operating out of the CWFD kitchen.

Mayor King questioned if the carnival was coming this year.

Mr. Neese stated that they would really like to come this year but he is not sure if there is enough space for the carnival to have all of their rides and equipment.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mayor King explained that the Town of Camden is looking for a new appointee to the Board of Directors for the Camden Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority. He added that if there are any interested parties they may submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk Jamie Fenske.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Mrs. Christina Chidester, Senior Vice Commander invited everyone to help the VFW serve Code Purple meals on January 29th at the Wyoming Methodist Church. She stated that they begin to prepare the meal at 3pm at the VFW and then serve it at the church at 6pm.

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Chidester for allowing himself, Councilwoman Torres, and Mr. Kelly to help serve at the January Code Purple event.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He added that there was an attempted murder suspect arrested without incident.

Chief Bryson added that the markings on Thomas Harmon Drive by Walmart Drive are almost gone. He showed two examples of vehicle crashes at the intersection of Thomas Harmon Drive and Walmart Drive. He explained that there are frequent crashes at this intersection, some resulting in roll overs. He suggested putting rumble strips coming off of Rt. 13 to help slow the traffic down.

Mayor King questioned if the right lane coming off of Route 13 could be a right turn only.

Vice-Mayor Schock agreed that he feels the right turn only would help make the intersection safer.

Chief Bryson also suggested looking into getting temporary bollards if the pattern is changed to have the right lane be a right turn only.

Mayor King thanked Chief for his report and everything that he does for the Town of Camden.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None.

MAYOR

Mayor King congratulated Council, Mrs. Marlow, and Mr. Josiah on another successful audit. He expressed his enthusiasm with the small difference of less than \$1,110 between the budgeted and actual expenses.

He thanked Council and the residents for allowing him to serve another term with the Town of Camden as Mayor.

He thanked the staff for their continued hard-work.

NEW BUSINESS

Police in car cameras

Chief Bryson explained that there are currently 7 in car cameras. He detailed that he is asking to purchase 3 new in car camera systems, one will go in the new vehicle and is already budgeted for. The company that he would like to purchase from is in New Jersey and they only have one level of support which will help fast track if there are ever any problems. He added that the company is willing to give the town the 2017 prices if they purchase 3 at this time.

Mayor King stated that he is in favor of purchasing 3 now but since there is a current cost savings he would like to suggest the purchase of 5 to save the town money in the future.

Chief Bryson detailed that they are currently giving us \$1,300 off each camera.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she agrees with the purchase of 5 cameras at this time.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to allow Chief Bryson \$20,000 from RETT, to purchase 5 in car cameras. Roll call:

Mayor King – yes

Vice- Mayor Schock – yes

Councilwoman Torres – yes

Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Mortgage payment

Mayor King asked to have this tabled until the March 5th Council Meeting so that the entire council is present for the conversation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Kelly, 62 Nanticoke Dr, thanked Mayor King for waiting to have a full council present before making a decision on the extra mortgage payment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Torres congratulated Mayor King and Councilman Findley on being elected to another term with the Town of Camden.

Vice-Mayor Shock thanked Mrs. Marlow and Mrs. Fenske for their excellent work.

Mayor King thanked council and the residents for giving him another opportunity to serve the Town of Camden as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 8:08pm by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*