

**Town of Camden  
Regular Town Council Meeting  
Camden Municipal Building  
August 6, 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 July 30, 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 Torres led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: Councilman Schock and Councilman Findley

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

**AMENDMENTS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

September Council Meeting is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Property taxes are due by the close of business on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the July 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Josiah reported that the building permit revenue is up compared to the budgeted amount. He explained that the public works expenses look like they are over but CTF crosses that expense off.

Mrs. Marlow added that out of 1848 property tax accounts billed, 1254 accounts took advantage of the early bird discount.

Mr. Josiah stated the RETT is continuing to do well but Mayor and Council need to continue to be cautious as these funds are for capital improvement. He added that the auditors should be coming in November to start their process.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Josiah and Mrs. Marlow for their continued hard-work and dedication.

#### **CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT**

None.

#### **CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY**

None.

#### **FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN**

Mayor King explained that the Friends of Historic Camden yearly picnic was well attended. He thanked Vice-Mayor Torres, Mrs. Marlow, and Ms. Fenske for attending.

#### **VFW**

Mrs. Chidester explained that they will be having a meeting to discuss opioid addiction, veteran healthcare, crimes, and school safety on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. There will be a yard sale on August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the Camden VFW Post.

Mrs. Chidester added that they are continuing to collect water and are beginning their efforts to prepare for Code Purple.

Councilman Dougherty explained that he recently attended a meal at the Camden VFW and that he really enjoyed himself, the meal, and the company.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Bryson gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity. He explained that the overtime was so high for this reported period because he had an officer off the entire month for medical reasons.

Vice-Mayor Torres stated that she would like to send her gratitude to Corporal Bishop for his assistance with a child that was locked inside of a house by himself.

Councilman Dougherty questioned if there are any upcoming request for the purchase of new police vehicles.

Chief Bryson explained that he currently drives a 2005 Explorer that has rust issues and that recently had the breaks go out on. He added that the new Chief may want a different vehicle. He explained that computers will need to be replaced soon but there are grants available to hopefully assist with that expense.

Vice-Mayor Torres questioned if the two new hires were given offers yet.

Chief Bryson replied that two conditional offers have been given and as soon as they pass all their physicals and evaluations then he will announce their names. He explained that he does not foresee any issues but would like to protect their privacy at this time.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the June RETT was \$25,035.61.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that Walmart Drive repaving project has been completed and is properly striped with the new pattern. He added that the pot holes on Thomas Harmon, in Tamarac, and Chapel Croft have also been repaired.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that he attended at meeting last Wednesday with Representative Yearick at which time he spoke to him about CTF for the upcoming year. He added that there is a storm drain issue on Thomas Harmon by the retention pond. It is approximately 200ft of 42" storm drain that needs to be replaced. He explained that he hopes that there will be enough CTF to pay for this issue.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that Yencer Builders has been diligently working on the third-floor project and are almost done.

#### **MAYOR**

Mayor King thanked the staff and council for their continued dedication to the Town of Camden. He also thanked Mrs. Chidester and the Camden VFW for the invite to their meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

*None.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Purchase of Mobile Vision Cameras – police department*

Chief Bryson explained that he has obtained a quote to replace the last two cameras that are on the old system. He added that if Mayor and Council approve this purchase there will only be a need for one server and one downloading system instead of multiple.

Mayor King made his recommendation to approve the quote for \$11,061.64 to purchase two Mobile Vision Cameras.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to purchase two Mobile Vision Cameras for \$11,061.64 from RETT. Unanimous; motion carries.

Mayor King thanked Chief Bryson for his proactiveness on keeping outstanding fleet and equipment for the police department.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Keegan – Cub Scout Post 436, explained that he was here to observe how leadership governs our town.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice-Mayor Torres explained that she feels the new traffic pattern on Thomas Harmon looks very nice.

Chief Bryson stated that he has observed the new traffic pattern and it appears to be helping. He explained that some additional markings will be put down to help a little more.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*To consider strategy with respect to pending and/or potential litigation and/or with respect to personnel issues.*

A motion was made at 7:43pm by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to enter executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

A motion was made at 8:09pm by Vice-Mayor Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to adjourn executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made at 8:09pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Torres, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*