

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
November 5, 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 October 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 Torres led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

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

Council Absent: None

Staff Attending: Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen and Police Chief Marcus Whitney.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, November 6th for Election Day.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Turkey Drive takes place November 20th at 5:30pm at the Dover Boys and Girls Club on New Burton Road.

Town Hall will be closed November 22nd and 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve the October 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

PRESENTATION

Tommy Dawson Proclamation

Mayor King explained that Mr. Dawson has been a great asset to the Town of Camden. Mr. Dawson has been a volunteer of the Camden Fire Department, a member of the VFW, and a past Mayor for the Town of Camden. He added that Mr. Dawson will greatly be missed and will continue to be a legacy in the town. Mayor King thanked Commissioner Sweeney and Dr. Fitzgerald for being apart of this special event.

Councilman Findley stated that he has had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Dawson for a long time and gave his condolences to the family.

Councilman Dougherty and Councilman Schock wished the family their condolences.

Vice-Mayor Torres stated that she was very sorry for the loss of Mr. Dawson.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that he has a great relationship with Mr. Dawson and will greatly miss him.

Dr. Fitzgerald stated that he greatly appreciates Mr. Dawson and his family for all that they do for the community.

Mr. Eliassen added that he has known Mr. Dawson since high school and that he will be greatly missed.

Mayor King detailed that Mr. Dawson has been a great business man, leader, and would help with anything he could.

Mr. Whitby explained that he has known the Dawson family for a long time and that he will always cherish the relationship that he had with Mr. Dawson.

Mayor King asked the family to come forward so that he could present them with a proclamation for Mr. Dawson.

Republic Services

Dominic Fulginiti, Republic Services, explained that there has been a decrease in the amount of recycling that can be exported to China. This decrease has made less revenue for the waste companies and could possibly increase prices in the future. He explained that some items, such as glass, are harder to process then others and decreases the revenue possibilities for recycling. He added that the Town is approximately only 6 months into a 3-year contract with the possibility of 2 negotiable years. He clarified that there will not be an increase at this time in the current contract.

Mr. Josiah questioned what Mr. Fulginiti projected the increase in price to be.

Mr. Fulginiti responded that it could be a possible 10-20%.

Mayor King questioned why Mayor and Council were just now hearing about this when they signed a contract about 6 months ago.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the recycling issue did not come to light until after the contract was signed.

Vice-Mayor Torres questioned if an increase should be given to the customers now to help alleviate an extreme increase at one time later down the road.

Mrs. Marlow explained that for budgetary reasons she would not recommend increasing the prices now just in case other changes take place then the Town will be responsible for issuing refunds. She added that with the signing of this contract there was a decrease of approximately \$30 to each trash customer.

Mr. Josiah recommended continuing with the price that it is now and see where it goes after the 3-year contract is up.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Fulginiti for his presentation.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Josiah went over the fiscal reports with Mayor and Council. He explained that it looks like public works is over budget, but it is a reimbursed line item and is a wash. He added that the budget is still doing good but cautioned to keep to the plan and try to prevent any unplanned expenses.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Josiah for what he continues to do for the town.

Mr. Josiah explained that his work is because of the teamwork that him and Mrs. Marlow have.

Mrs. Marlow reported that two properties were sent to our solicitors to begin the motion process. She added the auditors will begin their onsite audit around the middle of November for fiscal year 2018.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dear of the CWFD gave his monthly report for August, September, and October.

He added that they are continuing to bring in new members and with that makes additional expenses trying to fit them for gear. He added that volunteers on the ambulances help keep cost down. He explained that the fire department is looking at purchasing a tanker and a pumper soon.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Dear and the Camden Wyoming Fire Department for all that they do for our town and surrounding areas that are in need.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Vice-Commander Todd Fairhurst stated that the Camden VFW will continue to host dinners for \$9 on November 11, 18, and 25th, to help raise money for code purple. He added that they will be having a Veteran's Ceremony at 3:30pm and then serving food at the VFW Post at 4pm.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Fairhurst for his update.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Whitney gave a report that included but was not limited to traffic arrests and criminal activity.

Mayor King stated that he has heard complaints from residents in Newells Creek that people are going the wrong way on the one-way entrance from Walmart to Newells Creek.

Councilman Schock questioned if the new traffic pattern was helping at Walmart Dr. and Thomas Harmon Dr.

Chief Whitney stated that there have not been as many bad collisions but there are still collisions.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the September RETT was \$17,046.66.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that the weather has put a delay on the storm drain project at Newells Creek. He added that they need about 2-3 days of no rain. He reminded Mayor and Council that this is the project that the town has received CTF from Senator Bushweller and Representative Yearick for.

Mr. Chaffinch stated that the parking lot was supposed to be done this past weekend but the pump on the machinery broke.

MAYOR

Mayor King thanked the staff for their continued collection of delinquent taxes.

He congratulated Chief Whitney on his first full month as Chief. He added that he wanted Chief Whitney to reach out to cell phone carriers to see if they would be interested in renting space on the tower.

Mayor King thanked everyone for continuing to allow him to serve the Town of Camden.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Mayor King explained that this amendment is to help clean up the zoning ordinance and to get rid of the industrial category since there are not any properties with that zoning.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Schock, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-O-01 Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. All in favor; unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Kelly – 62 Nanticoke Dr, stated that he felt that the Camden Bypass should hold a name of a local famous person.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor King thanked Mrs. Schock for her attendance and for volunteering to be on the Board of Adjustment.

Vice-Mayor Torres, Councilman Schock, Councilman Dougherty, and Councilman Findley wished Mayor King good luck.

Mayor King stated that it has been his honor serving the community that he and his family have lived for so long. He added that it is an amazing opportunity being on Council for the Town of Camden and that no matter what happens on election day he has had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new people.

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 8:30pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Findley, to adjourn the council meeting and enter executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

Mayor, Council, Chief Whitney, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow, and Town Clerk Jamie Fenske met to discuss personnel issues.

Discussion with Mayor and Council about the recruit resigning from the academy and Camden hiring a certified officer. Discussion included salary and benefits.

Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Torres, Councilman Dougherty, Councilman Schock, Councilman Findley, Chief Whitney, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, Account Specialist Amanda Marlow were present.

No motion was made during executive session.

A motion was made at 8:52pm by Councilman Schock, seconded by Vice-Mayor Torres, to adjourn executive session. All in favor; none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 8:53pm by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Councilman Findley, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*