

Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
November 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Torres 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 26, 2021, 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 Torres led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor Torres, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilwoman Rhodes

Council Absent: Councilman Woodall, and Councilman Girty.

Staff Attending: Town Clerk Sarah Cahall, Town Manager Jason Stewart, Public Works Manager/Code Enforcement Harold Scott Jr., Chief Whitney, and Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen.

AMENDMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Town Hall will be closed November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

*Town Hall will be closed on November 25th & 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

*2nd Annual Camden & Wyoming Holiday Light Contest. Entry dates to register for participating are November 1st-24th. Please pick up your signs at Town Hall to place in your front yard.

*1st Annual Camden & Wyoming Christmas Parade will be held on December 4th at 6:00pm. If you would like to participate in the Parade, please call 697-2299 or 697-2966. You can also contact Sarah Cahall at Sarah.cahall@townofcamden.com or Audrey Lindale at Townofwyoming@comcast.net.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rhodes, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the October 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Cahall said they received \$15,277.18 from RETT for the month of September. Mr. Stewart said \$1,759,003 in taxes have been collected.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORTS

Mrs. Cahall gave notice that there will be a Board of Adjustment meeting on November 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on November 17, 2021.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Brown gave a report that included but was not limited to fire calls.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Mrs. Faust said the budget was passed and there will be no increase for next year.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

None.

POLICE REPORT

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

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Stewart said there was a meeting with Tamarac residents on October 25, 2021. This was to discuss their open space and storm retention pond and the future maintenance upkeep. He said he attended the APRA legal team webinar, and it was informative. Mr. Stewart and Harold Scott Jr. went on site with Century Engineering.

Councilwoman Rhodes asked what the next step for the Tamarac Development is.

Mr. Stewart said he's creating an overview of the meeting and looking at the legality in creating a recreational tax.

MAYOR

Mrs. Torres said she received a letter complementing Sgt. Hartman and Chief Whitney on a matter they handled for a resident. She stated they showed compassion and kept her informed to the matter. She was extremely thankful for them.

Mayor Torres thanked the Staff and the Police Department for participating in the Trunk or Treat.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department 1.5% pay increase after a promotion to a half rank

Chief Whitney said there is a 3% raise currently in between ranks. He explained that he would like to add that to General Order 21.

Mr. Eliassen asked if the CPOA had any thoughts.

Chief Whitney said the Union hasn't been addressed with at this time. He added that if they don't feel like that's enough at this time, then upon their next union contract it can be addressed.

Mayor Torres asked if this would affect the current contract.

Chief Whitney said he revamped the rank structure chart by adding additional rank lines.

OLD BUSINESS

118 Main St.

Mr. Stewart stated that the inspection was completed.

Mr. Scott Jr. said there is mold which is removable, and it can be fixed. He said the structure of the building is good.

Mayor Torres said that she was there for the inspection and walk through. She was pleasantly surprised that it was visible, and any potential buyer will be aware of what needs to be repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Faust- Thanked Barclay farms and the Police Department for riding around the neighborhood.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Rhodes thanked the Police Department for ridging around the neighborhoods.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:45pm by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded Councilwoman Rhodes, to adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Cahall, Town Clerk*