

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

Council: Kelly Doran, Debbie Hickman, Ernest Crabtree, Toni Keesler, Judy Michael (absent) and Wendell Mackie

Guests: Kate Duskey, Eddie Steiner, Tony Batche (Register Herald), James Hall, Glenn and Wendy Wyatt and Cody and Elaina Truster

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting as written. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Glenn Wyatt of 141 Sherwood addressed Council asking approval to put up a wood picket or decorative wood fence. Ernest made a motion to approve his request. Debbie second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. He also mentioned at the end of the street there is a man hole that sticks up about 6” tall and that’s all gravel. Kelly said that needs to be improved by the owner of the property which is also the owner of the trailer park. He said they could improve that and then dedicate it to the Village and then we could maintain it. Glenn also said that end lot really needs to be mowed and cleaned up. Rusty said he would get ahold of the owners and try to get that done. Jim Hall owner of 694 Rose Blvd. asked Council to consider an adjustment on the amount that has never been clarified that was assessed to his taxes due to a water leak and no payments being made for months by a renter of his. Becky said he was informed as he received that standard letter that is sent out to landlords when there is an issue with one of their rentals and he came to the office and spoke to her and the Village Administrator and was told once the leak was fixed he would get an adjustment. After six months passed with nothing being done it was assessed in 2018. Kelly asked if the leak had been fixed and he said no he hasn’t done anything. Kelly said get it fixed and I will see if there is anything we can do with the assessment at the Auditor’s office. Rusty said there have been numerous people in and out of there for months and then it has been turned on a few times including cutting locks.

Committee/Staff Reports: Nancy gave her report for the month of April for Mayors Court. Kelly asked about the program Nancy is wanting to purchase and she is about \$350.00 short from getting it so she is going to just take the rest out of fine money in advance and then when the rest is collected she will reimburse the fines. She also asked if she could look into getting a credit card machine for accepting fines. Kelly made a motion to allow her to check into pricing for a credit card machine for taking fines. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Wendell asked about the fee we charge for credit card usage and if we could possibly look at doing away with it. Council stated that is bank fees not our fees. Rusty reviewed his report with Council. Miami Valley will be changing the street light bulbs to LED in July/August, pot hole repairs continue, Mark Klapper connected his water service, mulch laid around trees in town and the sewer jetter was delivered. Ernest would like Rusty to look into a hot box for pot hole repairs. Rusty said he looked into speed bumps to install coming off 127 and they will cost around \$1,200.00. After discussing several different areas and options this subject was tabled until new prices including signs are received. Wendell asked about mulching and did we get bids. Rusty said he just had Luke Sparks do it as he is always reasonable in pricing and does a good job. He asked since we did around the trees why didn’t we just do the park too. Rusty said because we haven’t had time just keeping up with the mowing right now from all the rain is keeping us pretty busy. Ernest asked about the water tower lights and extending the arms out a little more. Rusty said Tobias will look into once again. Wendell also asked about street sweeping and Rusty said Tom has been doing surveys for a month and we have had so many things going on we just haven’t had the time. We will get to it soon. Kelly asked about lightning rods and Rusty said the guy still has not got back to him. He will call him again. Wendell asked the officers in attendance about the stickers for cars with flat tires and not moving for periods of times. Both said they have seen the stickers and Rusty said he has seen them over the last few weeks so someone is using them. Kelly asked if anyone had their list of grant ideas because he would like to get Susan back and discuss them. He mentioned Nelson had said something about connecting to Southwest Regional Water to be interconnected to push wash back and forth in case of shortage somewhere. We could even sell water too.

Old Business: The Mayor received one bid for the rebidding of the old backhoe. Kelly said can I make one comment before you begin (looking at Elaine Truster) you had submitted your bid the last time and you called Becky because you had written on their Camden but didn't say sealed bid and this is just me talking

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and I talked to Rusty about it truthfully they probably should have just thrown that bid out because it has to be a sealed bid and the other bid was received and marked sealed bid but where the part came in that I was uncomfortable with is I wish the Clerk or the Mayor had said it was opened and it probably should have just been set aside and opened the one that was properly marked and submitted and that would have been the end of it. The Mayor said I actually never gave it a second thought, as soon as it happened Becky contacted me and then Elaina had called not long after and Becky also told Elaina what had occurred and everything was fine so I just never thought anymore of it. Kelly said well it just would have been cleaner had we known upfront that it had been opened and that you had it. The Mayor said there was never any intent of harm or distrust and it was a pure accident. All bids have always been sealed and always been opened by me since I've been here. She opened the envelope and said the bid was for \$7450.01 from Cody Truster. Wendell made a motion to accept the bid. Kelly second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Kelly said to the Truster's sorry about all the confusion but that was on us (Council).

New Business: Ernest said he would like to make a motion that all sales in the future go through Govdeals including the police department to avoid any confusion. Kelly second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. The Mayor mentioned Chief Spurlock has asked that Council approve the new part time position on Nikolas Soder. Wendell made a motion to hire Nikolas Soder effective June 8, 2019 as a part time officer at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Ernest second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Kelly mentioned the Camden Downtown Enhancement Plan that the Miami students put together and they put a lot of work into it. Wendell asked about the Beckett property and said he would hate to see it torn down because it's historical. Wendell also asked about properties that have people living there when the house is either in probate court or living there and not paying anything. He's concerned about trespassing and how that would work. Rusty said he is still passing out tickets for maintenance issues and that's where Jane the attorney comes in.

Ernest made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Toni made a motion to approve the bills. Wendell second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Lisa Moss, Mayor