

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

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

Guests: Eddie Steiner, Dennis Strothman, Kate Duskey, Eshelle Bales, Charo Mackie, Jeff Wood, Don Jordan and Dan Michael

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting as written. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – abstain and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Dennis Strothman representing the American Legion and their new building. The existing sewer tap they have won't work because of the new building elevation so they will need to run a new line and they are asking for forgiveness on the tap in fee of \$2800.00 as he was told it could be waived. Kelly said so it's not a new tap you're kind of exchanging one for the other or kind of a swap. Kelly said thinking out loud but if we did something like this for a public, non-profit Veteran's organization I think we should say in this case only due to the circumstances that they currently have a tap and we are just swapping one for the other and it's not new, but we are setting ourselves up for this happening in the future. But it's a non-profit and they do a lot for the community. Wendell made a motion to waive the fee in this circumstance only. Kelly second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – abstain, Toni – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Dan Michael addressed Council regarding the new speed bumps put in on South Street. He's lived there most of his life and he's never seen any accidents or something bad happen there. Debbie said Ernest and Wendell both live there and they both have said it's a problem. Dan said they live right across the street from one another and that's where they wanted them at and I understand the motion was tabled and then after the meeting Rusty was told whatever is best go ahead and do it. Rusty said it was tabled because Ernest thought we might get a better deal with asphalt instead of the rubber ones but after checking there was very little price difference so I went ahead with the rubber. I personally sat down there for an hour and watched the traffic as well and in my opinion it does slow the traffic down and it does help and I've got nothing but positive response people. Judy said she had Jane who lives on the corner complain to her so it's not 100% at the corner of everyone loving it and living there I'm opposed to it and I don't like the fact that it was done after it was tabled at a meeting. Wendell asked what the inconvenience was and Judy said what's the purpose especially at a stop sign. Wendell said are they hurting anyone and Judy said there bumps and when you first brought it up several meetings ago I was opposed to it and thought it was a stupid idea and I'm entitled to my opinion. Wendell said he would like to make a motion we put more in at the same locations (6 more) so people won't run the stop signs they will actually have to stop and with the kids there he is looking out for their safety. Judy said the only kids at that intersection are your kids and you have a big yard for them to play in. Wendell said those aren't my kids they are neighbor kids and they are up and down that street all the time. I just don't want to see a kid hit. I am here to do a job for my community and that's what I'm doing is safety for my community. Kelly said can I propose a compromise. Can we take this as a study and see how it goes because they are just in there with spikes

and this is better as a test than putting the asphalt in and having thousands of dollars in something you really can't remove. So let's watch it and see, have people call who like it and don't like it and we'll take an informal study of it. Rusty said the Police Chief thinks it's a good idea as well. Wendell said there was a time when a car came off 127 too fast and slid right into the ditch. Judy said yeah slid on ice. Kelly said one incident doesn't make a trend. Wendell said but there are more kids moving into the community and what do we really have for the kids to do. There are two parks where new playground equipment was put in and next to it a soccer field. Wendell said I'm not letting my kids walk all the way to the other end of the Village. Kelly said I don't see the connection and I think we're off the subject but let's see what the community has to say but we're not going to solve it tonight. Let's have people come in and tell us what they think. Judy said she would like to have it in the minutes that the next time something comes up for discussion and it's tabled that should be the end of it until there is more discussion not see that it's been done (not come home and see that they are already installed). Debbie asked the Chief if he had anything to say about the speed bumps. Matt said he likes them because it slows people down on the flip side if people are running the stop sign we will have a car down there several times a day to put a stop to it. He would also like to see a few speed bumps in front of the school building. Kelly said let's get our list ready for our grant writer and maybe we can see about some things that have been mentioned. Someone asked about riding bikes and should they be riding them in the street on the sidewalk or what. Matt said bikes are for the street sidewalks are for foot traffic but being in the street you have to follow the traffic laws. Some communities do allow bikes on sidewalks but they have rules for that.

Committee/Staff Reports: Rusty addressed Council mentioning some repairs at the standpipe and repairs at the sewer plant on pumps and a drain tile at the church parking lot again. Kelly asked if that needs to come out and be replaced and Rusty said yes eventually the whole thing will need done. Kelly said we need to get that done prior to the street paving. Rusty said they also cleaned some catch basins that were stopped up due to all the rain and debris that had collected. Kelly asked about saw cutting some of the street to allow better access until we can replace the whole thing. Rusty said he talked with Choice One Engineering regarding the Douglass Street issue they talked with ODOT and their recommendation is to do a traffic study, possibly put in turn lanes and completely redo the intersection as there is grant safety money, but they would take care of engineering including working with ODOT and the fee for that study is \$18,500.00. Wendell made a motion to have the study done. Kelly second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Rusty said we have a meeting next week with Duncan Oil as well. Wendell asked about the street sweeper and maybe getting prices on some used regular sweepers. Kelly said we used to have one and it was a maintenance nightmare. Wendell mentioned the bees at the old Napa building and Rusty said he's had a few people that deal with bees come and remove some including today. Chief Spurlock mentioned he has placed some flyers around town as he is having a citizen's police academy for 18 years and older lasting 6 weeks from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. on Tuesdays here at the town hall starting on June 18<sup>th</sup> and if you want an application you can see one of our Camden Police Officers. We are hoping to bridge the gap a little better between our citizens and the Police Department and the community. This will be our first ever and we hope it goes over well.

Old Business: Wendell asked Rusty how high the grass is before notices are sent out or the Village cuts it. He said 8" is what the ordinance says. Debbie said there is one across from the church on Main Street that needs attention. Wendell asked about the situation at 204 McKinley and Rusty said it is empty but still owned. He will send her another letter or call her. They get assessed every year because the Village cuts the yard. Someone mentioned 47 North Lafayette and Kelly said that is out of control. Rusty said that one actually has a court date. Wendell asked about a cease and desist to keep that from

continuing. Rusty said it goes back and forth getting cleaned up and then messed up again but Rusty is checking into some things and will try to find out what can be done.

New Business: Kelly said he met with not a landscape architect but someone who does that and he is coming up with some plans for the park in between the town hall and the post office and I think the Beautification Committee has about \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 going to that and I hope that's enough to cover some tables and grass area for lunch or whatever. Phase II plans are coming tomorrow. Doug Kramer looked at the streets and alleys that we want to do in the Village and he will get some pricing done. He also suggested that the curbs and the hump in the road on 725 could be a curb and sidewalk project coordinating that with the state on their 725 paving project. He is going to ask the grant writer to be at the next meeting so everyone come up with their lists for grants. He also asked about placing stop signs on both sides of North Main at the Main and Cottage intersection because the stop sign is hidden by the tree limbs. Debbie Mason thinks that the online pay for water bills is doable and she has some Camden websites available that she is going to lock down and she is willing to do it for the Village for free with the only fees being for the website itself. Judy read a letter from Bob and Wilma Green and their daughter Beverly Jarrell about tearing down 31 South Main and the addition on 25 South Main and the garage at 11 South Main hoping to help make all their buildings beautiful again. Council is okay with what they are doing.

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

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – nay, Debbie – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

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Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

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Lisa Moss, Mayor