

# CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

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

Guests: Donna Cross, Ashley Myers, Kate Duskey, Susie Duskey, Dan Michael, Ed Steiner, Dan Stapleton, Gary Super, Christine Goins, Deb Mason and Karen Moss

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting as written. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Gary Super addressed Council regarding the property and development at the end of West Place asking Council if they would consider asking the crew once the construction starts to use the 127 access and not using the street so he doesn't have to spray it. Wendell said as the street chairman I'm not sure if we have a right to tell them what route to use and if we do maybe we can deal with them and say if you use the street we would like you to make it bigger, wider and better. Kelly said it's our street I think we could tell them no traffic but we can ask about making a deal with them. Gary said he also worries about elevation with the water as well. Council said they will need to come to us first before even breaking ground so there are things we can talk to them about prior to anything starting. Dan Stapleton from 245 South Main Street addressed Council asking for an extension on his sidewalk repairs at least until spring of 2020 due to him putting landscape bricks on his side of the sidewalks which will require a footer and he needs more time and he simply can't afford all of the materials right now. Debbie said what if 20 other people come in and say they need an extension because they can't afford it. Judy said someone on my street got more time last year. Rusty said he did give (Don Blaylock) an extension to someone because of a death in the family. Ernest said well if you give to one why can't you give to another. Debbie said I feel the same way. Kelly said I had some people come to me and they weren't happy about an extension being given to him. Kelly asked if he could give a specific date on when he would have it done by and Dan said May of 2020 and I will get it done. Ernest made a motion to allow his extension. Debbie second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Ashley Myers addressed Council asking permission for Camden Comeback to use the park on September 14, 2019 and also asked permission to have a beer garden with a limit of 2 drinks per person. Wendell made a motion to allow the use of the park as well as the beer garden. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – abstain, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – abstain and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Committee/Staff Reports: Nancy gave her Mayors Court report for July. She mentioned that the tickets that are so overdue can be sent to the Attorney General's Office the Collection Enforcement Division to see if they can pursue collecting them. There is no charge for us but a 10% collection fee will be added to the total amount of the ticket and that person is responsible for payment. Also discussed was warrants and putting more pressure on the people who owe. Rusty reviewed his report with Council mentioning the concrete was removed between the Town Hall and post office, the concrete was removed from the sewer plant, they did cleanup around town after the yard sales and curbs and sidewalks at the school have been painted. He presented the three bids for lightning protection (Maxell - \$11,600.00, Lightning Rod Systems - \$11,800.00 and Ohio Valley Lighting between \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00). Kelly made a motion to have Maxell do the lightning rod protection. Debbie second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – nay, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. He said they also picked up the new trailer Wednesday. Rusty said the electric at the park is going forward we just need to get a permit and DP & L said everything should go smoothly. Judy said she's heard some complaints about the new LED lights that they don't aluminate around just in one spot. Kelly said the guy said if we weren't happy they could change them up. Rusty said let him know where they are at and he will contact them and see what can be done. Judy mentioned that the water/sewer committee met and have decided not to proceed with charging vacant lots with the water debt fees. Ernest asked why and Judy said they feel there are more important things to get done first and we don't want people to think we are gouging them for more money. Ernest said he thinks we are getting gouged as it is so why not spread the costs to other property owners and maybe help lower the bills. Kelly said with the sidewalk project and people still licking their wounds over the income tax they feel right now is just not the right time to make people pay more money. We also need to see how many vacant lots there are and how much this type of charge would generate and see if it would be feasible to lower the

bills. Debbie read a letter from Chief Spurlock asking for Council to approve the hiring of Matthew Taylor from auxiliary to part time at \$13.00 per hour starting August 17, 2019 with no certain amount of hours. He would also like to move Jeremiah Morgan to a paid part time position at \$13.00 per hour starting August 17, 2019. Debbie made a motion to approve the hiring of Matthew Taylor and Jeremiah Morgan. Ernest second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

Old Business: Deb Mason addressed Council regarding the new Village website and said she has been working on moving everything from the old site to the new site. She has added some new content and more photos and encourages everyone to go and look at it. She will be coming to speak a lot with Rusty and Becky regarding the different departments and what they actually do. But we will keep adding things as they come along like Public Notices, employment, etc. Kelly said we have a little card and token of appreciation for Don and Helen Whitesell for all they do for the town voluntarily and the Council wanted to recognize that. Kelly addressed the Phase 2 project on the Town Hall and said the delay in his view was the audit and how long that took and the building was part of that and we wanted to make sure it all came back good which it did. And with me being in charge of this to some extent I also wanted to watch our fund balances and make sure we were going to be good because we have some big payments coming out like our street loan and the walking path but I was kind of watching to make sure all was steady with what we were going to spend. In talking to the attorney that helped us set up the whole bidding process from the beginning, he feels we waited too long to make this a continuation from phase 1 and he will give us a step by step way of doing things legally and correctly. Hopefully at the next meeting I will have the proper steps for starting on Phase 2 and the final costs and projections from the architect. Susan Laux from Mote and Associates after seeing what we have done here feels we have a good shot at getting us some money for an expansion of the project (Phase 2.5) and try to give us more storage and stuff that would make this building even better. Kelly asked if everyone read the email from Steve Haughey regarding the lawsuit. Judy said reading it she wasn't sure if it was good or bad news. Kelly said it's all good news but the bottom line is Judge Bruns says under no circumstances are Cargill and Central Salt out of the lawsuit and Rod Good is not the primary one to blame. It puts us in a good position to reach a settlement with all of them and we hope to get enough money to reconnect to our old wells and start blending both our wells to help get rid of some of this iron and get better water.

New Business: Judy made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Resolution #2003-2019 a Resolution accepting the rates and amounts as set by the county budget commission. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – nay, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Kelly asked Ernest why he would vote nay. Ernest said I think we are getting enough on the RITA tax and there is no reason to raise our rates. Kelly said we're not raising anything this is existing revenue. Ernest said well not reason.

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Toni second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. Toni made a motion to approve the bills. Judy second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Ernest said I need to clarify my reason for voting no – I think there needs to be a reduction when you're getting that much money from RITA. Kelly said the Police Department alone could easily take every cent. Ernest said it's our job to control them too. Kelly said we just mentioned earlier that \$13.00 is an embarrassment to pay a police officer. Ernest said I agree but at the same time we are voting to spend a lot on phase 2 and I'm just saying that's what I think.

Kate Duskey asked about the Eaton Chamber of Commerce and asked if Council would consider joining them because they help with business ventures and incentives.

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