

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mayor: Lisa Moss

Fiscal Officer: Rebecca Wilson

Village Administrator: Rusty Wilson

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

Guests: Dan Michael, Ed Steiner, Kathy Kemper, Karen Brewer and Dennis Davis

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting as written. Judy second. Roll call. Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Judy – yea. Motion passed. (Wendell arrived late)

Public Participation: Gary Rusty asked if we could notify the State to see if they could clean out the drainage ditch from the west side to the east that runs under 127 behind Ernest's house on South Liberty because it could potentially flood if we get a good rain. Rusty said he would call them. Gary also asked what's going on with the junk yard on North Lafayette. Rusty said we actually had court today and there will be a trial in November. Gary said it grows every year. Karen Brewer addressed Council and passed out information on other municipalities and how they handle their water bill delinquencies. Debbie said unfortunately it doesn't matter what others do because they have different financial obligations that we do. We have debt from our new water tower, well field, water treatment plant and with EPA coming in they tell you to do it you have to do it and we have to come up with a way to pay that debt. Karen stated isn't that what the RITA tax is for and Council replied that has nothing to do with water. Water income pays for the water fund that's why the bill is based on the debt. Debbie said other towns may be debt free or have big industry factories that pay a lot in utilities but we don't and we have debt that has to be paid for and unfortunately it falls back on the residents. Karen said she just brought the information because Kelly said if you have information to give us bring it and so that's what I'm doing. Debbie thanked her for the information. Karen also said her personal opinion is that 1 million dollars is a lot of money to spend on one building (Town Hall). Wendell mentioned we are trying to lead by example to encourage people to keep their properties looking nice and keep Camden looking good. Someone asked if we have an Ordinance for blowing grass in the streets. Rusty said he has looked before and he never found one but he can look again.

Committee/Staff Reports: Rusty reviewed his report with Council and mentioned the transfer switches have been installed at the well field and water plant. He and Dave are currently flushing hydrants. Ernest asked if there were any bad hydrants and Rusty said no everything is good. The electric service has been installed at the water park. The berm was cut down on North Main Street other than adding seed and straw. Tom Doyle is no longer with us and we need a motion to accept his resignation. Ernest made a motion to accept his resignation effective 9/6/19. Toni second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea and Debbie – yea. Motion passed. He said sidewalks are almost done for the year with only a few remaining. Wendell asked about the water tower and it's looking pretty dirty. Rusty said he is waiting on one more quote to get it cleaned and should have by the next meeting. Toni said to Debbie for Law and Order – there is a semi parking on North Main Street. Wendell asked about the progress on the old Napa building. Rusty said the property has been transferred and they know what he got into and if he doesn't fit it within a reasonable time we will see him in court as well.

Old Business: Debbie mentioned the attorney for the Village would like Council to make a formal motion to authorize the Clerk of Courts (Nancy Melton) to sign the contract between the Attorney General's office and the Village on the Village's behalf to have the Attorney General's office collect old ticket debt. Debbie made that motion. Ernest second. Roll call. Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

New Business: Judy made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-2019 a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Debbie second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Judy – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea and Debbie – yea. Motion passed. Debbie said I am speaking on behalf of the Camden Comeback Committee and last year we used the building during our Haunted Tours and they would like to use it again on October 18th and 19th this year during the Black Walnut Festival from about 8:00 to 11:00 and the SOS supernatural thing will be here again in the council room. I would just like to get the okay from Council and I'll just make a motion that we allow them to use it. Ernest said I prefer no one go upstairs

and Debbie said they don't. Toni second. Roll call. Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

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

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. Ernest second. Roll call. Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea, Judy – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Lisa Moss, Mayor