

VILLAGE OF CAMDEN – REGULAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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: Debbie Mason, Eddie Steiner, Rob Dake, Gary Taylor, Dennis Davis, Eshelle Bales, Ben Tucker and Karen Moss

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ernest made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting as written. Wendell second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – abstain and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Public Participation: Eshelle Bales addressed Council asking about the speed bumps which Rusty told her they are in they just need to be picked up. She wanted to ask once they are installed what about plowing because she pays to have her parking lot plowed and they usually do the alley (between the funeral home and the yellow house). Rusty said because of the speed bumps the Village will do it. She also asked for explanation on how her water bills are configured each month per gallon and also about the trash portion and how that is billed because she is being billed twice for one property. She was told that each unit per property is billed for garbage so if you have a home or business with an apartment where someone lives you are billed for each unit. Businesses are billed also for each pickup meaning if their trash is picked up twice a week they are billed for two pickups. She said she has been paying for an extra can through Rumpke at \$13.50 per quarter. Becky said you should have two Rumpke cans one for each unit. Kelly said we should give you a credit for the money you have paid and not got the service. She said it's not about the money it's just understanding how the bills are calculated. Kelly said well let's make it right so I'll make a motion to credit her account for the time she has been paying her bill and not getting the service. Debbie second. Roll call. Wendell – abstain, Toni – yea, Ernest – nay, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed. She also mentioned that she is beyond frustrated at her neighbor for parking in the alley when she was having a funeral service and the people couldn't get out of her lot because of it. They are using the alley as their personal parking lot because of all the junk they have everywhere else. Kelly suggested going to the school board and talking to them about the area and maybe the police department about the parking in the alley. Kelly also suggested tow away signs since that is a private parking lot. Chief Gary Taylor with the Fire Department addressed Council regarding the Carnival for next year. They have a new contractor called Fun Time Carnivals (a division of Kissel) who are very interested in having the Carnival on South Main Street from the bank to the old American Legion building. He is asking permission to close the streets from June 1st to June 7th and the Carnival would actually run from June 3rd to June 6th (4 days). They have a lot of the older rides that aren't so big and wide and he looked at Bloomfield but seemed to like South Main the most. Kelly made a motion to allow the Carnival on South Main for 2020 on those dates. Wendell second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed. Gary also mentioned that they will be using the soccer park area for their living facilities while they are here.

Committee/Staff Reports: Rusty reviewed his report with Council mentioning an electric motor was installed on the high service pump at the water plant, there was an outside electrical outlet installed on the west side of the Town Hall for decorations, and a lift was rented to put the Christmas decorations at the intersection and leave pickup is complete. Debbie said Rusty and the guys did an awesome job getting all the decorations out and we were able to have our event although we couldn't have it outside because of the weather but the Baptist Church let us have it there and it still turned out very nice.

Old Business: Ernest made a motion to approve the 2nd reading for the 2020 proposed budget (Resolution #2005-2019). Toni second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

New Business: Kelly mentioned that the fine schedule on our Property Maintenance Code was old and small and that is why it is continually violated so he would like to entertain a motion that we double or maybe triple the fines. Becky mentioned that because that is a Resolution/Ordinance it would first have to be amended and then brought back to Council for the 3 reading requirement. Chief Spurlock addressed Council asking for raises for 2020 as follows: Chief from \$51,875.00 to \$55,000.00, Sgt. Stemp from \$16.80 to \$19.00 per hours, Vernon Jeffers from \$14.00 to \$15.60 per hour and all part time officers from their current

pay to \$13.50 per hour. Kelly made a motion to approve the pay raises. Ernest second. Roll call. Wendell – yea, Toni – yea, Ernest – yea, Debbie – yea and Kelly – yea. Motion passed.

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

Wendell made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. Kelly – yea, Debbie – yea, Ernest – yea, Toni – yea and Wendell – yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Lisa Moss, Mayor