

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, December 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Karen Moss at 7:00 P.M. Roll call was taken as follows: Kelly Doran – here, Toni Keesler – absent, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Wendell Mackie – here and Karen Moss - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance were Rusty Wilson, Village Administrator, Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Craig Doty, Dennis Davis, Dave Nickell, Frank Rader, Jeff Wood, Kate Duskey and Chad Doran.

MINUTES

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 abstain (Wendell). Motion passed.

Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2021 special meeting. Judy second. Roll call. 4 Yea. 1 abstain (Wendell). Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Craig Doty, Commander of the local American Legion addressed Council with a proposal to change the name Huffman Street to American Legion Way. He did some research in the archives with the help of Cherry Anderson on where the name Huffman came from and said it was John A. Huffman who separated 1 plot into 22 plots which is comprised of what North Second Street is now and some other plots owned by the American Legion on the east side of Second. John Huffman was a prominent business man in the late 1800's in Camden and held many positions. Debbie asked if the Post would consider putting up a plaque honoring John Huffman because I would hate to see him forgotten as he was a big part of the town and Craig said that is definitely doable. Karen said American Legion Way is where we are now and I do like the remembrance part for John Huffman. Wendell made a motion to allow the name change and some type of plaque for John Huffman or notice in the Legion. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed. Jeff mentioned putting one of the decorative posts when changing the sign. Wendell then mentioned changing the colors of the signs as well.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Rusty said there are some repairs at the Wastewater plant with the orbital shaft that will need to be machined and when it's back we will put in back in service. The media at the water plant usually lasts a few years and it's been around 10 years so we have someone coming to do a sample and if it needs changed we will do that. Kelly asked a range of cost and Rusty said under \$50,000.00. The 127/725 project we did get the OPWC grant of \$300,000.00 so we won't have to put out anymore money on that project. Boone is cleaning well #2 right now as it's really plugged up. Nelson and I talked to some people yesterday about the old wells and thinking maybe we can run the old wells back on line without having to run through the plant and we have someone working on that to give us a cost. Kelly said if that could be done that could be huge. Jeff asked about blending the two or just going back to the old wells altogether. Rusty said he had suggested we go back to the old wells but we would still have to use the newer ones otherwise EPA would take them out of service and then you would have to go through a big rigmarole just to get them back on line.

REPORT FROM FISCAL OFFICER

Becky mentioned the two certificates of estimated revenue from the County Auditor regarding the operating levy and police levy need to be accepted on record.

Judy made a motion to approve the certificate of estimated revenue for our general operating levy. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the certificate of estimated revenue for our police levy. Wendell second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Ben presented a social media policy for adoption which is for internal use for our employees regarding social media as well as a policy posted on social media itself. Both policies were done by Frost Brown Todd personnel who deal with social media policies. There has been some concern regarding comments so I reached out to them asking for explicit detail on blocking the commenting and it wasn't as simple as my understanding so I have an email of exactly what we can do which is tag people and limit the posts so there should be no commenting unless someone is tagged on the posting. (Toni arrived at 7:40). I would just like to get acceptance of this policy so that we can get the Facebook page started. After a lot of discussion on the why's and why not's on a Facebook page Jeff made a motion to start the two month trial with no commenting allowed and Ben as the designee and Debbie Mason as the 3rd party to monitor the posts and also approve the internal social media policy. Kelly second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Ben also mentioned that he is working on a meeting date for the strategic planning so that we have a goal at the beginning of the year. He will look for specific dates in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Kelly made a motion to approve the 3rd reading of Resolution #2028-2021 an agreement between ODOT and the Village of Camden to remove and control the snow and ice on State Routes within the Village limits. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff Steele said they are still working on the right of way and a long-term plan on what they want to do with the park.

Kelly asked about the walking path or anything. Rusty said they are working on the catch basin project first and the hold up on the walking path is still ODOT regarding the bridge and last he heard was Kramer was hoping ODOT would be finalized by spring so that we can finish the project.

Jeff mentioned going to ODOT about dropping the speed lower at the 127/725 intersection because there is proof they can go lower because they just did South of here at the round-about.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen mentioned a review of the paid time off policy which tonight is just for discussion but this also will be part of our new handbook. So, just so Council understands how we are currently paying comp time, vacation and sick time and is this the practice we want to continue. She handed out a form regarding compensatory time. What is happening now with our practice is we are letting people earn overtime on comp hours when they aren't actually working. And there is a lot of overtime that she feels we need justification for it. She read a letter from our attorney that was sent to the Auditor's regarding how we pay our employees currently. She asked Council to think about how we want to move forward so we know what to put in our updated manual.

GENERAL DISCUSSION, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS

Judy made a motion to approve the 3rd reading and adopt Resolution #2035-2021 a contract between the Preble Shawnee Schools and the Camden Police Department for the School Resource Officer. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 3rd reading and adopt Resolution #2034-2021 to request the County Auditor give estimated dollar amounts for our Police Operating Levy. Wendell second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 3rd reading and adopt Resolution #2033-2021 to request the County Auditor give estimated dollar amounts for our General Operating Levy. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 3rd reading and adopt Resolution #2037-2021 the Proposed 2022 budget of Revenue and Expenditures. Wendell second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to approve the 3rd reading and adopt Resolution #2036-2021 a Medical Marijuana Moratorium. Wendell second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed. (Kelly left the room)

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wendell made a motion to approve the bills. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Toni made a motion to approve the October Financial Report. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Debbie made a motion to enter executive session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss complaints against a public employee. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to exit executive session at 9:03 p.m. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn at 9: 04 P.M. Judy second. Roll call. 5 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor