

CAMDEN VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR

THURSDAY, January 6, 2022

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 – here, Judy Michael – here, Debbie Hickman – here, Jeff Steele – here, Kate Duskey – here and Karen Moss - here. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Also, in attendance was Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer, Nancy Melton, Clerk of Courts and Ben Gunderson, Deputy Village Administrator. Guests included Debbie Mason, Dennis Davis, Rodney Creech and Nick Duskey and girls.

State Representative, Rodney Creech gave the Oath of Office to new Council member Kate Duskey and returning Council of Kelly Doran, Debbie Hickman and Toni Keesler.

The Mayor asked for nominations for President of Council for 2022. Judy made a motion to nominate Toni Keesler. Jeff second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

MINUTES

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. 1 abstain (Kate Duskey). Motion passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORT FROM CLERK OF COURTS

Nancy reviewed her report for December 2021 with Council

REPORT FROM DEPUTY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Ben updated Council on the advertisement for the Planning Commission which has to be approved by Council but we should start receiving applications for those interested in serving on that board which would include 2 citizens from the community. On the Strategic Planning Meeting he understands that it's typically done in executive session only because if we have a public forum and we discuss marketing or goals that it may get out of hand so having executive session allows better conversation but he is going to research that further. He provided a mock agenda which is not official but where it may go. Council had some concerns about having a public meeting and then going into executive session to leave them out. Karen mentioned that we can also always limit public comments to a certain time. Lastly, more up to date information on the Capital budget nothing has been done other than the rendering of the drawings by the architect on the proposed broadband building. He would like approval from Council on the contract for \$1,500.00. Debbie made a motion to approve the contract. Kelly second. Roll call. 5 Yea. 1 abstain (Kate Duskey) Motion passed. He has received several letters of support and talked with a company that provides broadband that works with municipalities where we get better pricing and they also work with schools which potentially could save us up to 80% of broadband costs if we worked with the school locally. The Library did introduce us at their last board meeting and they are interested in possibly partnering with a monetary contribution to this project. Ben said he is also pursuing for several grants to cover a lot of costs for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

Debbie presented some pictures of ideas she would like to work on for the Street Signs and posts that Council discussed at a previous meeting. After talking with Rusty it would work better to do sections of the Village and not all at once. Kelly would like to see the logo on the signs.

Jeff said he still has the time capsule and would like to bring it to the Town Hall and give to Helen at the Archives and then she can get with Rusty when they are ready to bury it.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen passed around a draft Committee list for 2022 and pretty much kept them the same changing Wendell to Kate except Jeff asked to be off Fire Board so I made that change as well but we can finalize this later.

Kelly said Kevin Fogt's widow asked if we could somehow recognize his work to the Town Hall with a plaque attached to the building in his memory and then maybe have a dedication ceremony and invite her and the family when we do it.

Jim Hall has a mobile home that had a super bad leak back a few years ago that were assessed to his taxes. He would like that revisited as it is very similar to other situations where we have adjusted the sewer side of the leak.

Kelly asked about the recycling and Debbie said Rusty talked with Beth Wright who went to the Commissions and they are talking about putting up a chain link fence with the weaving and double gates. Jeff said what about moving the bins to the North Lot on a cement pad with the fencing and that would take them away from the playground and splashpad.

Kids Council date is March 17th tentatively so we need to confirm that.

At one point, we had someone here that writes grants that Toni knew. She doesn't want a job per say but said she would volunteer to do some grant writing. Kelly would like to invite her back and see about writing some grants.

Karen asked Debbie Mason to explain what recognitions have happened recently. Debbie said that the Preble County Chamber of Commerce has awards that they give out every year and Camden Comeback has been nominated for non-profit innovation award and Debbie herself has been nominated for the Excellence in Leadership award.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Judy made a motion to approve the purchase orders. Jeff second. Roll call. 5 Yea. 1 abstain (Kate Duskey). Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Judy made a motion to approve the bills. Toni second. Roll call. 5 Yea. 1 abstain (Kate Duskey). Motion passed.

Judy made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. Toni second. Roll call. 6 Yea. Motion passed.

Rebecca Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Karen Moss, Mayor