

Town Council Meeting

January 6, 2020

Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on January 6, 2020 in the Campobello Fire Department Training Room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Philip Wilds at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Council Members, Don Cohenour, Reitha Stevenson, Alican Sprouse and Jason Shamis. Invocation was done by Police Chief, Chad McNeill, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Introduction of the Council Members and Mayor took place immediately following the invocation. Also in attendance were Fire Chief, Eddie McNeill and Police Chief, Chad McNeill.
3. Council Member Reitha Stevenson made a motion to accept the December 2, 2019 minutes seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
4. Monthly Police Department update from Chief Chad McNeill.
Total 83 calls for month of December 2019.
5. Monthly Fire Department update for Chief Ed McNeill, was reported by Chief Chad McNeill. Total 38 calls for month of December 2019.
6. **New Business-**
 - Jason Shamis made a motion for the amendment of the trash Ordinance 10.306 to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous.
 - Mayor Philip Wilds and Don Cohenour spoke regarding the County inquiring about the election date for Campobello being changed. It is believed that this would encourage voter turnout and would prevent the County from having to staff election workers both in June and November. Jason Shamis made a motion for an amendment of the Town's Ordinance of the Election date from June to the first Tuesday after the First Monday in November. The motion was seconded by Reitha Stevenson and carried unanimous.

- Mayor Wilds introduced Rep. Josiah Magnuson and that he would be available after tonight's council meeting for any questions anyone had for him. Also, Rep. Magnuson will hold a public meeting at the Dutch Plate in Campobello this Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30p for all who want to attend. Senator Tom Corbin will also be in attendance. Mayor Philip Wilds address the public as to why he did not ask Rep. Magnuson to speak at tonight's council meeting and the reason being is the council meetings are just for issues and matters concerning the Town of Campobello.
- It was brought to the attention of everyone by the Town Clerk that the town's CPA, Chris Skinner, was retiring and would not be in attendance at tonight's meeting, but would be able to work on the audit as soon as his recertification was obtained. Mayor Wilds made a motion for the Town to begin looking for another CPA for the audit. The motion was seconded by Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.
- Council Member Jason Shamis asked about the progress of the Old Asheville Hwy bridge. Chief Chad McNeill reported that the Road Closed and Dead End signs had just come in and would be put to use. Mayor Wilds suggested using concrete barricades to keep drivers off of the bridge or from being able to move the barricades.
- Council Member, Jason Shamis reported that he is working towards getting natural gas as an option for the town.
- Mayor Philip Wilds answered questions about the quarterly newsletter for the Town's residents. The newsletter is strictly from the Mayor to inform the Town's residents of events, accomplishments and progress involving the Town. It is not intended to be used for any other purpose.
- The issue of a fisheye mirror being needed on Depot St. was addressed by the Mayor. He and Chief Chad McNeill discussed the issue and also contacted SCDOT who were not in favor of the mirror as it could pose a problem with sunlight reflecting off of the mirror and obstructing the driver's vision. At this time, a fisheye mirror will not be obtained but the issue can be brought up again in the future.
- With regards to the drainage issue at a citizen's residence, the Mayor will discuss this with the homeowner after tonight's meeting.

- Mayor Wilds requested that he and Chief Chad McNeill compile a list of attorneys to consider for representing the Town since former attorney Andrew Goodson retired. This list will be brought before the Town at the next council meeting.
- Mayor Wilds requested that the Town Clerk provide the Council Members with a list of all the properties owned by the Town in an effort to decide on whether to utilize a property for the construction of a new Municipal Center or if it would be best to sell them. Jason Shamis will obtain the valuation of each property.
- A citizen living in Cane Creek expressed concern over a house being built on a lot with an underground spring where a lot of water drains. This could be a potential health risk regarding the septic tank. DHEC has been notified of this and it was determined that DHEC will make the call if construction should be stopped. Council Member Jason Shamis requested to be notified when DHEC comes to inspect so he could be present.
- An explanation of what these council meetings are used for was given by Mayor Wilds. He explained that when he asks a question that it is directed to the Town Council first and then can be opened up to the public for questions or comments. Also, when a citizen has an issue, please raise hand and then provide name and contact information and then state the issue. Also, that it was advised that each council member take into consideration of what they are about to say before saying it as the Town Clerk has been instructed to take down the question/comment exactly how it is worded.

7. Old Business-

- Don Cohenour made mention of the Statewide Trash Pick-up Day and how successful it was.

8. Adjourned- January 6, 2020 at 8:03 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Reitha Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Jason Shamis and carried unanimous.

Let it be known, there are times it may be necessary for the Council Members to enter an executive meeting directly following adjournment of business meeting.

Town of Campobello Council Meeting minutes recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 6th, day of January, 2020.