

Town Council Meeting
February 3, 2020
Minutes

1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on February 3, 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 Don Cohenour made a motion to accept the January 6, 2020 minutes seconded by Reitha Stevenson and carried unanimous.
4. Monthly Police Department update from Chief Chad McNeill.
Total 80 calls for month of January 2020.
5. Monthly Fire Department update from Chief Ed McNeill.
Total 22 calls for month of January 2020.
6. **New Business-**
 - Mayor Wilds explained the cost of the street light to be installed at Asheville Hwy and Old Asheville Hwy. The cost would be \$12.00/month with an initial charge of \$400.00. Motion was made by Mayor Wilds to proceed with getting the street light installed, which was seconded by council member Don Cohenour.
 - Council Member Jason Shamis discussed how he has been in contact with someone regarding natural gas and that Jason's contact is working on the matter and will reach back out to him once he has more information for the Town.
 - 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.

- With regards to a new attorney, it was brought everyone's attention that Attorney, Amy Snyder of Clawson & Staubes, LLC, has been highly recommended by the Municipal Association. Mayor Wilds requested that council member Don Cohenour follow up with Attorney Snyder to find out how to retain her legal services for the town.
- With regards to a CPA firm, Mayor Wilds informed everyone that a meeting had been set up for he and the Town Clerk to meet with Elliott & Painter, LLP on February 4th.
- A second reading of the amendment to the trash Ordinance 10.306 was read aloud by council member Reitha Steveson. Motion was made by council member Jason Shamis to accept the second reading of the amendment, which was seconded by council member Don Cohenour and carried unanimous.
- Bill Metcalf, Jimmy Littlefield and Jeff Rodgers spoke on behalf of Campobello First Baptist as to seeking the Town's help in their quest to hold a Pumpkin Festival in October to raise money for their church's renovation project. It was asked that help be provided in the areas of security, street closures, power provided to vendors and the possibility of needing liability coverage if the town does not already have that in place for all day festivals. Mayor Wilds asked that the Ordinance for festivals be provided to the council members and that church's request would be taken into consideration and voted on at the next council meeting.
- Council Member Jason Shamis spoke regarding Planning & Zoning of Campobello. It was mentioned that a change in how building permits are issued should be considered and that council should be able to review all building permits before they are issued. Also, that a committee for both planning and zoning should be assembled. Fire Chief Eddie McNeill mentioned that a Board of Appeals would possibly need to be formed in the event a building permit is turned down. Motion was made by Mayor Wilds for the town's Ordinance regarding planning and zoning to be brought to the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by council member Jason Shamis.

- The properties on Smith Street and Park Street, which are owned by the Town of Campobello, was brought up as to whether it could be used for the building of a new Town Hall and Police Department. It was mentioned that if property owned by some NC residents which is beside the Town's portion of property could be bought, then the house could be torn down making a more stable area for the Town Hall to be built. The other acres on Smith Street have a deep gully that runs through the middle of it and, therefore, could pose a problem with being used. Mayor Wilds requested that Fire Chief Eddie McNeill begin the process to condemn the house own by the NC residents, as it is in deplorable condition.

- Mayor Wilds spoke regarding the Police Department's need in either repairing two older police cars or buying one new Tahoe. Police Chief Chad McNeill elaborated on the fact that Dodge is not making any police cars due to trouble with the motors. Therefore, the only other options are the Ford Explorer, Chevy Tahoe and Chevy Truck. It was said that the Tahoe is the preferred choice due to its room and accessibility. The Explorer continues to have carbon monoxide issues. He also mentioned that the repairing of the two disabled police cars would cost more than what the cars are valued. Mayor Wilds indicated that one of the older police cars could be sold and the funds applied to a new vehicle. Motion was made by Mayor Wilds to allow Chief McNeill to buy a new Tahoe, which was seconded by council member Alician Sprouse.

- Council member Alician Sprouse expressed her desire to have a Family Fun Day on April 18, 2020 at Gosnell Park. The event would involve food trucks, activities and games. Mayor Wilds suggested putting together a working committee to help and including the Ladies' Auxiliary group.

- The second reading of the Election Ordinance 2.318 was read by council member Don Cohenour. Motion was made by council member Reitha Stevenson to accept the second reading of the amendment, which was seconded by council member Alician Sprouse and carried unanimous.

7. Old Business-

- None.

8. Adjourned- February 3, 2020 at 8:15 p.m.

With no further business presented, Mayor Philip Wilds made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Reitha Stevenson 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 3rd, day of February, 2020.