

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2012**

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
David Fry	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 3rd day of December 2012, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Members of Cameron High School DECA Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Dennis M. Clark presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge, Jerri Ann Eddins, David Fry and Ronnie Jack. Absent: none.

Present were City Manager Mark Gaugh, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk/Finance Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the November 19, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted with a voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Eddins. Abstained: Mayor Clark. Mayor Clark was absent from the November 19, 2012 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DECA Proclamation. Mayor Clark presented a proclamation to members of the Cameron High School DECA group proclaiming December 3rd through the 7th of 2012 as "Save a Life: Teen Suicide Prevention Week" in Cameron.

Raw Water Supply/Drought Presentation = Steve McIntosh. Steve McIntosh, Water Resources Center at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, presented findings on a water supply study the Department conducted. A record drought in the 1950's was used as a base line for the study. Mr. McIntosh discussed sedimentation in reservoirs and population growth as contributing factors in available water supplies. Both population and water demand are projected to increase in the next few years. The current water demand is 1.3 million gallons per day. If projections are correct, the water demands will be 1.66 million gallons per day in 18 years.

If the current drought continues there will not be enough water to meet the present demand. The drop in our water supply in the last four and one half months is the same that occurred during the record 1956 drought in nine months. Mr. McIntosh said action should be implemented for long term water supply needs i.e. building a new reservoir or construction of a pipe line system. The City is a member of the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission

whose main purpose is the development of a pipeline system. Mr. McIntosh estimated it would take five (5) years to complete a pipeline. Council asked for time to think this issue over and have it placed on the next agenda.

Mark Garges, 315 Oak Street, spoke to Council regarding economic development. Mr. Garges asked Council to continue working with the Chamber and EDOC and said economic development is a slow process but helps attract new business growth as well as retain current businesses in Cameron.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, said he does not question the purpose of economic development, but does question conflict of interest with Council and Staff members sitting on the EDOC group and then making decisions on spending tax payers' money.

Jack Briggs, 1319 DeKalb Drive, stated studies show that money spent on economic development doesn't cost but pays in the long run. Mr. Briggs said there is a core of supporters of progress in favor of economic development.

Zack Workman, 405 Aquila Drive, discussed the importance of seeking new businesses. Local business owners are trying to sell, promote and build businesses and economic development is a tool used to accomplish that kind of growth.

Joe Abrutz, 7387 NE Jones Road, talked about the team effort needed for economic development and noted private donations, the Chamber and the City as prime players. Mr. Abrutz said the City of Cameron has saved \$120,000 by going from a full time position to the proposed agreement with EDOC which will cost \$36,000 per year.

Mike Phillips, 604 North Mead, asked when street work would be completed establishing street elevations between Sixth Street and Eighth Streets. Mr. Phillips said he knew the budget for 2013 was booked up and asked if the work could be done in the 2014 budget. City Manager Gaugh informed Mr. Phillips the project is one of the top priorities, but stated no promises can be made on a completion timeframe. City Attorney Elliott stated a point of order saying the Council cannot give an answer to Mr. Phillips' question because it would be a violation of the open meetings law. The completion date and budget discussion would need to be placed on an agenda which would satisfy the public notice required under the Missouri Sun Shine Law.

Wally Gallian, 503 Country Club Square Drive, echoed all the positive economic development sentiments expressed tonight. Mr. Gallian said he feels more effort needs to be made in economic development. The City should go back to having a full time position for economic development.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Nutrition Site Information. City Manager Gaugh provided information regarding the request from the Stella Grinstead Nutrition Center in Council packets. City Manager Gaugh reported he had Platte-Clay Electric perform a free energy audit at the Center. The audit revealed some potential energy savings for the building.
2. AMI Demo. Honeywell and HD Supply conducted a demonstration November 20, 2012. Both vendors will meet with any Councilmember that was not able to attend to

- provide additional information.
3. Chloramine Project. Staff is beginning the paperwork for State Revolving Fund for financing the Water Treatment Plant chloramine project.
 4. Utility and Server Upgrades. The City experienced computer server failure recently and we are now in the process of replacing the server. The replacement server is in the 2012-2013 budget.
 5. Budget Reserve Policy. Staff has been working on a written reserve policy which is nearly ready for Council review. The policy will assure that the City is within Governmental Accounting Standards Board guidelines.
 6. Construction Projects. Eighth Street construction is complete and the street is open. The sidewalk portion of the project is nearly complete. The sidewalk cost share program was used for several blocks of improvements. Manion Complete Concrete has done the work and the project is going well.
 7. Trails Project. City Manager Gaugh asked Public Works Director Drew Bontrager to report on a Missouri Department of Natural Resources grant. Director Bontrager said the City received notice of a \$100,000 grant for a trails system at the reservoirs. The matching funds for the project will be provided by the City with in kind work.

Mayor Clark asked for an analysis of information regarding the AMI demonstration to be prepared for Council. City Manager Gaugh said he has already asked for the analysis in an effort to assure a savings if the project is activated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2012-51, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND CAMERON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE d.b.a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CAMERON, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-51 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Mike O'Donnell, representing the Cameron Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) reviewed information provided to Council in their packets. Mr. O'Donnell stressed the importance of economic development for the City and stated time is needed in order to see progress. The City entered into an agreement last year with EDOC to pay \$2,000 per month toward economic development. The proposed agreement is for \$3,000 per month with part of the increase to be used for things such as web site development, a labor study and promotional materials. Councilmember Eddins thanked Mr. O'Donnell for the additional information provided and said she would like the City to look into replacing the full time position on Staff for economic development. Councilmember Fry asked to have a quarterly report from the Chamber regarding economic development. Councilmember Breckenridge said she appreciated the information presented which provided clarification to some of her concerns. Mayor Clark said Rumery and Associates, the company contracting with EDOC, is not receiving an increase in the contract amount. The additional funds will be used for website, etc. Bill 2012-51 passed on first reading only with a voice vote of four (4) "Aye" votes and Councilmember Jack voting "Nay".

Bill 2012-52, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9-134, SUBSECTION (4) GRACELAND MEMORIAL CEMETERY MONUMENTS, OF CHAPTER 9, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE AND ESTABLISHING NEW STANDARDS FOR MONUMENT SIZES was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-52 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2012-52 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins, Fry and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5157**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2012-53, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROHIBITION OF FUNERAL PROTESTS THAT SERVES A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INTEREST, IS NARROWLY TAILORED AND ALLOWS FOR ALTERNATE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION FOR PROTESTERS BY ADDING SECTION 7-371 TO ARTICLE XII, IN PARADES AND PROCESSIONS, OF CHAPTER 7, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, IN THE CAMERON CITY CODE, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-53 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Chief of Police Corey Sloan stated the full Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals reversed a ruling regarding protests at funerals involving the case *Phelps-Roper v. The City of Manchester, MO*. The ruling allowed limitation of where protesters could locate in relationship to funeral services without hindering their freedom of speech. Bill 2012-52 mirrors the City of Manchester's ordinance which allows for funeral protests to occur but does not allow the protesters to be closer than 300 feet with time limitations of one hour before, during and after the funeral service or burial. The ordinance places no restrictions on protesters along the route from the funeral service to the burial site. Chief Sloan noted respect for freedom of speech, but stated respecting the honor and dignity of a funeral service and the grieving family is warranted. Bill 2012-53 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2012-54, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CAMERON CITY LIMITS, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-54 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell reported this agreement has worked well for both the City of Cameron and the Rural Fire District. The District gives the City 60 percent of the tax money collected on an annual basis. A majority of the remaining 40 percent is used to purchase firefighting equipment which becomes property of the City of Cameron. The District covers a 144 square mile area. Bill 2012-54 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2012-10, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,

STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR LOANS UNDER THE MISSOURI SAFE DRINKING WATER LAW (Section 640, RSMo) WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI (Chloramines Improvements), was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2012-10 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh stated the chloramines improvements will be funded by State Revolving Loan Funds. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources requires a person be designated to administer the City's SRF application and program. Resolution 2012-10 designates City Manager Gaugh to administer the contracts, etc. Resolution 2012-10 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council the City has received 47 applications for the position of Municipal Court Clerk. Cecilia Rittenhouse, the current Clerk, is retiring the end of December.
- As a point of interest, told Council the Administrative Staff at the front counter of City Hall averaged over 250 transactions a day during the month of November. That number will increase dramatically in December with personal and real estate tax collections.
- Told Council the Cameron High School Jazz choir will perform December 17, 2012 prior to the Regular Council Session. The event is open to the public and begins at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Jack:

- Requested the Automated Meter Infrastructure information from the demonstration. Councilmember Jack asked to have the AMI project placed on the Council agenda for discussion.
- Asked when the next meeting for the Northwest Water Commission will be held. City Manager Gaugh said the meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012.

City Manager Gaugh:

- Reminded all of the Safety Awards Meeting on December 8, 2012.

Chief Sloan:

- Told Council he had chaired an outdoor warning siren group for the past 12 months. One of the changes coming from the group is the test date will move from Monday's at 10 a.m. to Wednesday's at 11 a.m. This change will coincide with statewide testing.

Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell:

- Told Council a contractor has been selected to install the generator at the Public Safety Building. The generator should be operational in 30 days.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Clerk