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AGENDA ITEM

To: Mayor & City Council

From: Chief of Police Corey Sloan

Date: February 12, 2013

Re: Amendment to the City of Cameron ordinance on carrying concealed weapons by council members

Issue:

In January 2013, the City of Cameron Council asked for the city ordinance pertaining to the carrying of a concealed firearm be reviewed. Specifically, the Council asked for an amendment of the city ordinance for elected officials to be able to carry concealed firearms at/during governmental meetings, in which they were a member. This would bring the city ordinance in line with state law, as it is currently prohibited by city ordinance 8-32.

The Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, in Chapter 571, Section 571.107 outlines where a concealed carry firearm endorsement from Missouri, or other recognized states, may be carried. It also outlines the penalty for violation.

Specifically, Section 571.107, paragraph five (5) allows for the concealed carry of a firearm at a local government meeting, by an elected member of that government body, as long as the elected member of the government body has a valid concealed carry endorsement from the State of Missouri.

Recommendation:

Approve and sign the attached ordinance amendment allowing elected officials of the City of Cameron who have a valid concealed carry endorsement to carry firearms at or during any meeting of the governing body in which they are a member in accordance with Missouri State Law.

(Staff recommends three readings)

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY, WHO HAVE A VALID CONCEALED CARRY ENDORSEMENT, TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM AT ANY MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY BY ADDING SECTION 8-32, SAME—UNLAWFUL USE, SUBPARAGRAPH B 1A, TO ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, OF CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES MISCELLANEOUS, IN THE CAMERON CITY CODE

WHEREAS, In January 2013 the City of Cameron Council asked for the City Ordinance pertaining to the carrying of a concealed firearm be reviewed. Specifically, the council asked for an amendment of the City Ordinance for elected officials to be able to carry concealed firearms at/during governmental meetings, in which they were a member. This would bring the city ordinance in line with state law, as it is currently prohibited by City Ordinance 8-32; and

WHEREAS, The Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, in Chapter 571, Section 571.107 outlines where a concealed carry firearm endorsement from Missouri, or other recognized states, may be carried. It also outlines the penalty for violation; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, Section 571.107, paragraph five (5) allows for the concealed carry of a firearm at a local government meeting, by an elected member of that government body, as long as the elected member of the government body has a valid concealed carry endorsement from the State of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Add Section 8-32 subsection (b)(1a) to Article I, In General, of Chapter 8, Offenses Miscellaneous, in the Cameron City Code:

8-32—Same—Unlawful Use (b)(1a) Any meeting of the governing body of a unit of local government; except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude an elected member of the city council, holding a valid concealed carry endorsement, from carrying a concealed firearm at a meeting of the body which he or she is an elected member. The elected member shall inform the Mayor and the Chief of Police, or other police department designee, prior to the commencement of the meeting that they are in possession of a concealed firearm.

Section 2. Amend Section 8-32 subsection (d)(1) to read:

(d) Firearms in city buildings. (1) No person who has been issued a concealed carry endorsement by the Missouri Director of Revenue under RSMo 571.094 or who has been issued a valid permit or endorsement to carry concealed firearms issued

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by another state or political subdivision of another state, shall, by authority of that endorsement or permit, be allowed to carry a concealed firearm or to openly carry a firearm in any building or portion of a building owned, leased or controlled by the city unless otherwise permitted by law.

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby authorized this ordinance on behalf of the City of Cameron.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed and approved on first reading this 19th day of February 2013.
Passed and approved on second reading this 4th day of March 2013.
Passed and approved on third reading this 18th day of March 2013.

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Dennis M. Clark, Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk

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