

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2013**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	A
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
Ronnie Jack	P
William B. Rose-Heim	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge, Jerri Ann Eddins and William B. Rose-Heim. Absent: Mayor Dennis M. Clark.

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

Minutes of the July 15, 2013, meeting were not approved. Councilmember Eddins and Councilmember Rose-Heim were not present at the July 15, 2013 Council Session and would have to abstain from voting on approval of the minutes. A voting quorum was not present. Councilmember Breckenridge moved to table approval of the minutes until the next Council Session. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion with passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark. Minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting will be presented at the August 19, 2013 Council Session for approval.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kent Osborn, 1201 Aerie Lane, voiced support of the Greenridge Housing Development on behalf of the Economic Development of Cameron organization. Mr. Osborn urged Council to issue a letter of support for the project.

Dorothy Usher, 621 West Eighth Street, asked if a tree in front of her property could be saved by putting a half moon sidewalk around it. Eighth Street improvements necessitated moving the sidewalk further from the street. City Manager Gaugh will contact Ms. Usher about the request.

Mike Phillips, 604 North Mead Street, asked when the sidewalk for the project would be completed. City Manager Gaugh asked Mr. Phillips to contact Public Works Director Drew Bontrager on Wednesday to discuss the project. Mr. Phillips inquired about the current water supply and wondered if Council is still addressing future water needs. Staff continues to work on the present and future water supply issues. Code enforcement processes were also questioned by Mr. Phillips. City Attorney Elliott explained the legal process takes time.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. City Manager Gaugh stated the next Regular Session for Council falls on Labor Day. The second meeting date is during the annual Missouri Municipal League Conference. City Manager Gaugh will work with Council to schedule a meeting date.
2. 2013-2014 Budget. City Manager Gaugh said the Budget changes for the upcoming fiscal year will be discussed later in the Session.
3. Smoking Ordinance Status. Research is being conducted by the Council Code Committee and a recommendation to Council will be presented when the research is completed.
4. Construction Projects. An update on the Walnut Street Storm Water Project will be given later in the Session. Ross Construction has begun work on the chloramine project at the Water Treatment Plant.
5. The City received a letter from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources awarding a 70 percent grant for engineering design work for a water rate structure and water shed regulations for future development around the City reservoirs. Standards will be established on land not owned by the City or in the City Limits. The standards will add control for the City to protect the water shed into the reservoirs. A change will be made to the Budget for the grant to pass through the City to the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission. A revenue and expense amount of \$27, 000 will be offsetting for the Budget.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Review of Letter for a Proposed Housing Development in Greenridge Subdivision.

*6:17 p.m. Councilmember Breckenridge recused herself from the Chamber noting a possible conflict of interest because she is employed by a bank and also is a realtor.*

Councilmember Rose-Heim moved to approve a letter of support for Pete Ramsel, CRA Investments. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. The proposed project is in Greenridge Subdivision and will provide the area with affordable work force housing. Mr. Ramsel previously provided Council with more information regarding the project. The motion to approve a letter of support passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark. Abstaining: Councilmember Breckenridge.

*6:22 p.m. Councilmember Breckenridge returned to the Chamber.*

Discussion on Citizen/Council/Staff Listening Venues. Councilmember Rose-Heim reported on a proposed listening session plan. Three area businesses have agreed to host meetings once a month for the next three (3) months. The Missouri Veterans' Home, Cameron Library and Draggin' Dragon have all indicated their willingness for the City to use their facilities for the venues. Councilmember Rose-Heim suggested having one (1) Councilmember and a member of the City Staff present to listen to Cameron citizens comments and concerns in an effort to create more trust between the City and citizens. Councilmember Jack volunteered to attend the session August 19, 2013 at the Cameron Library from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.; Councilmember Breckenridge volunteered for a session at Draggin' Dragon on August 28, 2013 from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m.; and, Councilmember Rose-Heim will be at the Missouri Veterans' Home August 12, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Councilmember Eddins moved to proceed with the listening sessions. Councilmember Breckenridge seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Bill 2013-30, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI BUDGET OF THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2013-30 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh informed Council the City's financial condition is stable and improving at this time. Sales tax remains flat and property tax is a fixed amount. Prices of asphalt, fuel and other commodities used by the City continue to increase and can cause deficient spending. There will be slight deficient spending (\$16,000) in the General Fund for street maintenance issues. Debt service in the Transportation Fund and Storm Water fund is being done by design. The improvements being made will be paid for by the sales taxes for each fund. The Utility Fund projects include upgrading and improvements at the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and within the Electric Department for a re-conductoring project. The Department of Natural Resources grant totals \$61,635. The grant is for \$43,144 and the City matching fund amount is \$18,491 The Budget contains provisions for a cost of living adjustment and step increases for Staff. The last step increase was in 2010 for Staff. Councilmember Eddins requested actual cost for the General Fund for the increases to determine future affordability for the increases. Councilmember Rose-Heim noted a renewed commitment to expand Economic Development efforts will benefit the City's revenue streams. Councilmember Breckenridge asked Council to review insurance benefit information that was included in their packets. Bill 2013-30 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

**Bill 2013-31, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, ADDING PARAGRAPH (2)d TO SECTION 2-166, COURT COSTS, OF ARTICLE VIII, MUNICIPAL COURT, OF CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE, ESTABLISHING AN 'INMATE SECURITY FUND' FEE THEREIN**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2013-31 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading.

Discussion. Interim Chief of Police Rick Bashor informed Council a \$2 surcharge on tickets would benefit the Livescan system for finger printing. The system was purchased with a grant in 2007 and the cost to maintain the Livescan is approximately \$3,200 per year. The surcharge was established to help offset costs such as this. City Attorney Elliott also said the funds could be used for incarceration expenses. Bill 2013-31 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

**Resolution 2013-23, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT THREE (3) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2013** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2013-23 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass Resolution 2013-23. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said this is the third budget adjustment for the 2012-2013 fiscal year and noted there will be one (1) more adjustment this year. The adjustments are mostly housekeeping issues. Resolution 2013-23 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

**Resolution 2013-24, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE CAMERON RESERVOIR MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT AND AWARDED THE BID TO ADVANCED ASPHALT PAVING & CONCRETE** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2013-24 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass Resolution 2013-24. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager said the project consists of an eight (8) foot wide asphalt trail/path around the reservoirs with City Staff clearing the way for the trails. Advanced Asphalt would then do the overlay. Councilmember Breckenridge expressed concern about unfinished projects and the time constraints for the Public Works Department. Councilmember Eddins agreed this could overload Staff. Resolution 2013-24 failed with a tie vote: Councilmembers: Jack and Rose-Heim voting "Aye" and Councilmembers: Breckenridge and Eddins voting "Nay". Absent: Mayor Clark.

**Resolution 2013-25, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE RECREATION PARK ROADWAY AND PARKING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT & AWARDED THE BID TO ADVANCED ASPHALT PAVING & CONCRETE** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2013-25 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass Resolution 2013-25. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager said the Cameron Park Board has reviewed the bids received and recommends Advanced Asphalt Paving and Concrete for the roadway and parking improvements in Recreation Park. Discussion was held on the weight of vehicles using the Park roadway. Public Works Director said he will see if the School Board will help with the cost since school buses do use the roadway. Speed bumps might be installed to help with the traffic flow. Concern was expressed about deterioration of the asphalt roadway edges. It would cost \$120,000 more to use concrete instead of asphalt for the roadway. Resolution 2013-25 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

Public Works Director Bontrager updated Council on the Walnut Street Storm Water Improve project. The contractor, Amino Brothers, is pushing to complete the storm pipe and install large storm water boxes. Most of the driveways are complete along the route. The Missouri Department of Transportation has an overlay on Evergreen Street and will return to overlay Walnut Street September 16, 2013. Amino Brothers will have more work on sidewalks to complete after the roadway work is finished.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mike Phillips, 604 North Mead Street, asked if citizens would be allowed to have input in the listening sessions and was assured the opportunity would be available at the sessions for citizens.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Expressed his appreciation for continuing education opportunities provided by the City.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Clark.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk