

**Development of Cameron  
Joint Park Board Meeting**  
August 22, 2013  
6:00 pm  
Cameron City Hall – Lower Level

**Members Present:**

Chairman Bill Gimson  
Al Briggs  
Jennifer Helmich  
Jason Jones  
Matt Jameson  
Kari Teel  
Jamey McVicker  
Carrie Sybert

**Members Absent:**

Michael Teegarden  
Jason Jones

**EDOC Members:**

Kent Osborn  
Terry Rumery  
Mike O'Donnell  
Mike Poland  
Dr. Matt Robinson  
Jack Briggs  
Mark Garges  
Mark Gaugh  
Joe Abrutz

**Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director  
Steve Garr – Parks Maintenance  
Chris Johnson, Cameron Newspaper

Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) and the Park Board met from 6:00pm – 7:00pm to discuss the proposed ½ cent economic development tax. Over the duration of the proposed tax, it would generate revenue of approximately \$6.8 million.

The group discussed the possibility of using the funds for a new aquatic facility, clover leaf ball field and ideas to further develop the City of Cameron. It was mentioned that the City could always use more green space and the idea of a RV park and campsites was also mentioned.

Terry Rumery, EDOC advisor, stated that the quality of life in a city is very important for economic development. If the citizens do not have a reason to stay in the community, i.e. schools, extracurricular activities, jobs, etc., they will move or seek enjoyment in other communities.

The group also discussed the importance of informing the citizens of Cameron about the uses and need for the economic development tax. It was stressed that the tax will fail if the community does not feel strongly about the need and realize what good can come from it.

If/when the tax is voted in, 15% of the monies can be used for maintenance of city facilities. A five person board will be set up and they would be responsible for regulating how the tax money is spent. The board would be made up of one school appointed person, one county appointed person and three members appointed by the city council.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided that the Park Board and EDOC would put together costs on the two highlighted projects (aquatic facility and clover leaf ball fields) and bring the costs back to the next meeting.

Terry Rumery will put together a cost plan together for the possibility of a RV park.

EDOC members and the Park Board will meet again on September 26, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

*Chris O'Donnell*  
*Secretary Recorder*  
*Cameron, MO 64429*

*Bill Sumner*  
*9/26/13*