

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

REGULAR SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 16th day of December 2013, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Dennis M. Clark 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, Ronnie Jack and William B. Rose-Heim. Absent: Jerri Ann Eddins.

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

Minutes of the December 2, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted with a voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Recognition of Christmas Lighting Judges from the Missouri Veterans' Home. Mayor Clark recognized Veterans Jim Calhoun, Robert Holtz, Doug Rathburn, Tom Scott and Larry Linville from the Cameron Veterans' Home. These gentlemen were the judges for the City's 23rd annual Christmas lighting contest. Mayor Clark expressed the City's appreciation not only for judging the lights but for their individual service to our country.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Wastewater Capital Improvements. Staff is putting together the specific capital improvement plan for the treatment plant and Basin F-0001 repairs. This will determine if additional rate adjustments are needed.
2. Chimes System. Proposals for a carillon chime system are due January 3, 2014.
3. Recreation Park/Beavers Park. Work is complete on the new restrooms in the parks.
4. Walnut Street Update. Weather will be a factor for completing the improvements.
5. Water Plant Basin Construction. The chlorination basin is 80 percent complete.

6. Trails Update. The trail will be asphalted at Number 2 Reservoir in the spring.

Mayor Clark requested work on the trails on the east side of Reservoir Number Three continue as time allows during gap periods of work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Results of Sedimentation Study – Diane Ditello, DNR. Ms. Ditello presented results from a sedimentation study the Missouri Department of Natural Resources conducted at the City Reservoirs. The study base used statistics from the 1950’s drought for comparison. The amount of water will continue to decrease as sediment increases in the reservoirs. When asked for specific recommendations, Ms. Ditello said the City had raised the spillway already at Grindstone Reservoir to increase the capacity so that was no longer an option. Construction of an additional reservoir is an option, but the water capacity would continue to be dependent on weather conditions and is not realistic. The third option mentioned was the construction of a pipeline to deliver water in conjunction with the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission. The timeline for building a reservoir would be two (2) years, but if drought conditions persist, it is unknown when water would be available for use. The Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission pipeline project will take three (3) years to complete. Ms. Ditello stated the City cannot sustain another drought like the one experienced in the 1950’s. City Manager Gaugh said the current water supply is about 60 percent of capacity.

Bill 2013-47, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT SEWER USE RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SEWER USE RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2013-47 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2013-47 passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. “Nay” none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5805**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2013-48, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT WATER RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2013-48 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2013-48 passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. “Nay” none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5806**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Economic Development Sales Tax Presentation. Kent Osborn, Chairman Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC), presented information on a proposed half-cent sales tax for economic development. EDOC has met with the Park Board to discuss the tax which would include a new swimming pool and new ball field complex. The proposed tax would generate an estimated \$8.5 million during a twenty year timeframe. Mr. Osborn provided a breakdown on how the money would be spent: new swimming pool, \$3.25 million; new ball field complex, \$2 million; and, the remaining money could be used for land acquisition, speculative buildings and infrastructure in an effort to attract businesses.

Park Board Member Jamey McVicker was present and informed Council he had conducted a survey with communities in the area regarding the economic impact of ball field complexes. The study revealed there could be a significant economic impact with the addition of new ball fields. Mr. McVicker also noted, on a quality of life issue, the current swimming pool only has a five (5) year life span remaining. It will take \$1 million a year to repair and maintain the current pool.

Mr. Osborn said EDOC and the Park Board are requesting Council to consider a resolution to place the economic development sales tax on the ballot for a vote of the citizens in August 2014.

Discussion continued with concern expressed over resolving the water situation before trying to attract new businesses. Mr. Osborn said most of the businesses being recruited do not have large water requirements. Mayor Clark said the City is aggressively proceeding with the water issue and stated the challenge of economic development and competition with surrounding communities can help improve City revenues. The issue will be on the January 6, 2014 Council agenda.

Appointment of Volunteer Commissioners. At the May 20, 2013 Council Session, Council unanimously approved the formation of a Volunteer Commission which will serve in an advisory capacity to the Council. Councilmember Rose-Heim agreed to serve as the Council Representative. Councilmember Rose-Heim told Council three (3) responses were received from a letter sent to a number of individuals soliciting membership on the Commission. Following review of the responses, Councilmember Jack moved to appoint Barbara Caldwell, Dick Doornink and Ellen Hamilton to the Volunteer Commission. Councilmember Breckenridge seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2013-49, ORDINANCE APPOINTING CHIEF OF POLICE RICHARD W. BASHOR AS MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE AND CORPORAL DAN MILLER AS ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ACCD 911 BOARD, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2013-49 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. As a member of the Andrew, Caldwell, Clinton and DeKalb (ACCD) 911 District, the City is allowed to have a voting member on the Board and an alternate voting member. Bill 2013-49 appoints Chief of Police Rick Bashor as the voting member and Corporal

Dan Miller as the alternate. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

On motion made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5807**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2013-34, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GENESIS RESCUE SYSTEM BY THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI FROM FIRE MASTER FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC. TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2013-34 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass Resolution 2013-34. Discussion. Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell said the extrication tool the Department has was purchased in 1997 and does not perform well on the newer types of automotive steel. The new tool will cost \$20,275.50 and is included in the budget. Resolution 2013-34 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Resolution 2013-35, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ONE (1) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2013-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass Resolution 2013-35. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said this is the first quarterly budget adjustment for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Resolution 2013-35 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Stated December 17, 2013 is the opening date to file for Cameron City Council for the April 8, 2014 General Election.

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Said in reviewing the City's Emergency Operations Plan he noticed there is not a recovery phase in place and requested that a recovery phase be added to the plan.

City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council that he and Fire Chief O'Donnell have sent a letter to local businesses thanking them for their support and encouraging them to allow their employees to be members of the Cameron Fire Department.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Said a Park Board meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. today regarding a proposed land transfer between the City and the Cameron R-1 School District. The land is adjacent to Cameron High School and Cameron Middle School. The Park Board approved a resolution for the transfer. Council will not vote on the resolution tonight but it will be included on the January 6, 2014 Council Agenda for consideration. City Attorney Elliott stated an Ordinance passed ten (10) years ago prohibits selling land that was given to the City by Veterans. The land can be donated with the following restrictions/requirements: the school must build on the property within five (5) years; the school must be named 'Cameron Veterans Middle School'; a sidewalk built; a multi-purpose field with side lights; a decorative fence surrounding the area; the current Veterans Memorial to remain as is; and, no compensation paid for the property. There will be a reversionary clause stating if the requirements are not met, the land will revert back to the City.

Executive Session: Real Estate [RSMo 610.021 (2)]. There is no need for Executive Session following the discussion by City Attorney Elliott in Miscellaneous portion of this Session.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Clerk