CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2014

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
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 6th day of January 2014, 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, Jerri Ann Eddins, Ronnie Jack and William B. Rose-Heim. 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 December 16, 2013, Council Session were approved as submitted with a voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack. Councilmember Eddins abstained from the vote noting her absence from the Council Session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

DECA Proclamation. Mayor Clark presented a proclamation to members of the Cameron High School DECA group proclaiming January 13th through the 17th of 2014 as **"In the Eye of the Storm" Domestic Abuse Awareness Week** in Cameron.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, addressed Council stating his concerns regarding Bill 2014-1. Mr. Hart questioned how future Councils could be bound by the memorandum of understanding between the Park Board and Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) and asked that the ballot language be made more specific in an effort to better inform voters of the intended use of the economic development sales tax.

Jamey McVicker, Avery McVicker and Addison McVicker, 127 East Evergreen, voiced their support of the economic development sales tax and asked Council to give the citizens of the City of Cameron the opportunity to vote on the proposed sales tax. Mr. McVicker noted the municipal swimming pool is not ADA compliant and passage of the sales tax would allow compliance to be realized.

Kent Osborn, 1207 Aerie Lane, stated the memorandum of understanding between Cameron Park Board and EDOC would provide for improvements in the quality of life in Cameron. Mr. Osborn is chair of EDOC and emphasized that the tax would encourage industry and economic development in Cameron. Mr. Osborn asked Council to give the voters a chance to decide whether there should be an economic development sales tax. A five (5) person board would be appointed by City Council to act in an advisory capacity for use of the sales tax.

Terry Rumery, Economic Development Consultant for EDOC, said the Kansas City Area Development Council has provided 114 project leads to Cameron. Of the 114, 84 needed property or a building which basically eliminated Cameron as a location. The economic development tax would provide funds to meet these kinds of requirements and enhance Cameron's chances of having an industry/business locate in Cameron.

Mark Garges, 315 Oak Avenue, asked Council to approve the bill and place the economic development sales tax before the voters. The tax can help Cameron move forward in a positive direction in the years ahead.

Joe Abrutz, 7387 NE Jones Road, stated his appreciation for the team approach between the Cameron Park Board and EDOC. Mr. Abrutz asked Council to allow the economic development sales tax to be on the ballot and let the voters decide.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Air Show. The air show is scheduled for June 6, 7 and 8, 2014. The air show will be larger than originally planned since there will not be many air shows in the area this summer.
2. Wastewater Capital Improvements. HDR is working on our current rate structure to determine the level of capital improvements that can be supported. Council will be updated at a work session as soon as all the costs for improvements are established. HDR is also working on the watershed study to prepare controls to maintain the usefulness of the reservoirs for water supply.
3. Water Plant Generators. Water Plant Superintendent Paul Rinehart is working with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to obtain funding assistance for a portable and a fixed generator for the Water Treatment Plant and pumping station.
4. Wastewater Plant Generator. In recent work on the plant capital improvements, a fixed generator cost was developed as part of the project. Staff is also working on funding assistance for a fixed generator.
5. Chimes Bids Update. Bids for the chimes project were due January 3, 2014. No bids were received and City Manager Gaugh is working with local vendors to get a quote for the chimes.
6. Personnel Policy Reviews. The City's Personnel Manual is being reviewed in an effort to update and modify policies. Policies need to be reconciled with the Police Department to make sure there are no contradictions with policies prepared by Lexipol for the Department and City policies. Lexipol's policies are more specific to

operations of the police department. This process is something Midwest Public Risk encourages on a periodic basis.

7. January 20, 2014 Council Session. Our next Regular Session date falls on the Martin Luther King Holiday. The meeting will be moved to Tuesday, January 21, 2014.
8. Water level. City Manager Gaugh reported the reservoir water level is now 60 percent of capacity. Water usage is low due to weather conditions, but customers are asked to conserve water. If the level remains low, the City will issue a Water Alert in the spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Park Land Transfer. City Manager Gaugh asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Bill 2014-1**, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A CITY SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AND PROVIDING FOR SUCH ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2014-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Councilmember Breckenridge said several tax payers have discussed their concerns with her about the Bill and suggested the ballot language needs to be tweaked for clarification regarding the swimming pool and what will happen with the tax dollars collected. Councilmember Eddins stated she would like to see a sunset clause added to the ballot language and an outline of exactly what will be explicitly done with the tax dollars. Discussion continued regarding the location of the swimming pool and what action will be taken regarding the ball fields i.e. repaired or replaced. Recreation Park is the only location that has been discussed for the new pool. Mayor Clark stated having no sunset clause is a way to provide for future pool needs.

Councilmember Rose-Heim asked about the formulation of the ballot language. City Attorney Elliott stated Gilmore and Bell bond counsel was used by Staff to prepare the ballot language. The City has an obligation to think and speak into the future. The language is clear that a new pool will be built. In 15 years the "new" pool will need repairs and the monies would be available from the continued economic development sales tax. City Attorney Elliott said the language is as specific as it can get. There is not a way to include all things without the possibility of leaving some things out. City Attorney Elliott noted five (5) Councilmembers make a decision today, but they cannot bind Council elected officials over the next 20 years. Councilmember Rose-Heim said he hopes there will be a way to provide clarification of the ballot language in order for voters to understand the issue they are being asked to vote on. Councilmember Jack said if the City wants quality of life then there must be a way to pay for it. Current City budgets are stretched and the sales tax will provide funds for future improvements. Mayor Clark said there will always be a need for economic development; the pool will always have a life-span; and, there will always be a need for parks. An economic development tax in place can provide for the needs. Councilmember Rose-Heim said future Councils would be able to repeal the tax if it is no longer needed.

Bill 2014-1 passed on first reading only with a voice vote. Councilmembers Eddins and Breckenridge voted "Nay".

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2014-2, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND DESIGN OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT THE US 36/ N. WALNUT STREET OVERPASS, STP-7000(105)** Copies of said Bill 2014-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh stated the next two (2) Bills are both related to grants from the Missouri Department of Transportation and will be discussed at the same time. Bill 2014-2 is for the construction of a five-foot wide sidewalk from Grand Avenue north to US 36. This project is estimated to cost $178,108 with a grant of $140,705. The City 20 percent matching funds total $37,403. The Bill 2014-3 is for the construction of a cantilever pedestrian access on the US 36 bridge overpass. This project is estimated to cost $322,318 with a 20 percent match of $82,318. The Missouri Department of Transportation has approved Transystems Corporation for construction services on both projects. Staff recommends approval of Bills 2014-2 and 2014-3. Motion carried unanimously.

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 unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5808**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2014-3, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND DESIGN OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ALONG N. WALNUT STREET FROM GRAND AVENUE TO BALDWIN ROAD**, **STP-7000(106),** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2014-3 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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, Eddins, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5809**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2014-1, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING A BID FROM FLUID EQUIPMENT COMPANY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FOR A REPLACEMENT ROTOR USED AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2014-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass Resolution 2014-1. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said a rotor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant failed and needs to be replaced. Alliance Water Resources solicited quotes and the low price of $82,550 was submitted by Fluid Equipment Company. There will need to be a budget adjustment for a transfer from reserves for this purchase. The reserve funds are available to cover the expense. Staff recommends accepting the low bid. Resolution 2014-1 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-2, **A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A BID FROM SCOBEE POWERLINE CONSTRUCTION FOR ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2014-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass Resolution 2014-2. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said replacement of the three-phase power line from West Street to the area of Orange Street near Evergreen is in the budget. Bids were solicited and Scobee Powerline Construction was the low bidder. Staff recommends accepting the low bid of $609,260.58. A Bill will be prepared for the next Council Session to enter into an agreement with Scobee Powerline Construction if this Resolution is approved. Resolution 2014-2 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Thanked all in attendance and said he appreciated the work done by the Cameron Park Board and Economic Development of Cameron regarding the proposed economic development sales tax.
- Said quarterly sessions will be set up for the Listening venue with participation by various Councilmembers.

- Asked if all parties involved with emergency preparedness were aware of their responsibilities and noted a redevelopment plan should be in place which would include the health industry and businesses. Councilmember Rose-Heim suggested the Public Safety Committee discuss this following the General Election.
- Informed all there will be a meeting January 9, 2014 with a vendor to discuss a proposed burn tower for Fire Department training purposes. The tower could be used for area wide training.

Mayor Clark:

- Stated his appreciation for the questions, comments and time spent on the proposed economic development sales tax.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk