RESOLUTION 2015-1

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark S. Gaugh, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2015

RE: Resolution – ReCess Program

Issues

The attached Resolution is for the ReCess program, where formal support from the Council is requested. The details of the ReCess program were distributed to Council at the December 15, 2014 meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council consider the attached Resolution for support, relating to the ReCess program.

Resolution 2015-1

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ReCESS PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, there are 31,435 persons incarcerated in the Missouri correctional system (as many as 3,500 in Western Missouri Correctional Center and Crossroads Correctional Center); and

WHEREAS, eighty percent of prison admissions are for non-violent offences and ninety seven percent of incarcerated offenders will one day be released; and

WHEREAS, ex-offender re-entry programs that enjoy family and community support significantly reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, ReCess: Recreating Re-Entry Success is a non-profit agency duly incorporated in the State of Missouri formed to provide mentoring, job search support, and coordinated access to area social services to recently released ex-offenders; and

WHEREAS, ReCess was begun in 2013 by a team of probation and parole officers serving in and beyond the counties of Caldwell, Daviess, DeKalb and Clinton out of concern for rates of recidivism and compassion for individuals under their supervision; and

WHEREAS, individuals involved in direct support of ex-offenders operate in accordance with regulations established by the Missouri Department of Corrections and the best practices outlined in; and

WHEREAS, ReCess now enjoys the volunteer support of individuals, businesses, church leaders and voluntary agencies in the City of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, the ReCess board of directors includes the City of Cameron Chief of Police who attests to the importance of this community effort; and

WHEREAS, ReCess has requested the formal endorsement of the City of Cameron.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, that the City Council formally endorses the ReCess project.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Cameron encourages voluntary support of ReCess by its citizens.

Be it further resolved, that the City of Cameron expresses appreciation to the women and men engaged in this important work.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of January 2015.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk