CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 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 15th day of December 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 1, 2014, Council Session were approved as submitted with a voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim. Councilmember Eddins abstained noting her absence from the December 1, 2014 Council Session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jasmine Lewis, 608 Park Avenue, addressed Council regarding needs of local military veterans. Ms. Lewis said the veterans could be in need of counseling services, better transportation services and improved communications with the Police Department.

Frank Buck, 203 West 13th Street, gave Ms. Lewis a possible contact for Veterans Administration.

COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Special Projects Policy. The policy and application form for Special Projects has been submitted to Council for review and comment. Discussion. Councilmember Breckenridge suggested an annual deadline for citizens to present their projects for Council review rather than having submittals throughout the year. A deadline would allow Council more control when choosing projects and funding them with the proposed $50,000 per year in the budget. Councilmember Rose-Heim noted the ability to submit at any time would allow citizens' creativity to flow and a deadline could discourage that process. Councilmember Eddins said she agrees with having a timeframe in place for projects to be submitted for review. Mayor Clark stated a deadline could inhibit the creative, innovative work being done by some of the citizens. Following further discussion, Councilmember Jack suggested quarterly timelines rather than an annual timeline. City Manager Gaugh will rewrite the policy requiring submissions during a calendar quarter. The policy will be resubmitted for Council review at the first Council Session following the end of the quarter and resubmit the policy for Council review at the next Council Session. Special consideration would be initiated if a submitted project were to be time sensitive.
2. Water Treatment Plant Generator. The weather has been favorable and installation of the generator at the Water Treatment Plant is going well.
3. Building Energy Improvements. The energy savings portion of the contract with Ameresco is nearly complete. The next phase of the project will be installation of the automatic meter system.
4. Walnut Street Sidewalks. TranSystems is nearing the final stages of design for the Sidewalk Project on Walnut. The Project will likely be bid in January 2015.
5. Cost Estimates for Lighting on I-35. A cost estimate prepared by Allgeier Martin Engineers for lighting on/off ramps at various Cameron exits was included in Council packets for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Participation in ReCess Program – Councilmember Rose-Heim. Councilmember Rose-Heim introduced Michelle McAfee, Probation Officer at Western Missouri Correctional Center, who gave a brief overview of the ReCess Program. Ms. McAfee said the Program serves to mentor inmates who have been released from prison by providing counseling and support services in an effort to break the cycle and reduce the recidivism of offenders. ReCess volunteers provide training for people to meet basic skills in society. Ms. McAfee asked for a Council endorsement to be used when applying for grants to help maintain the Program. A Resolution of support will be presented at the next Council Session for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2014-57, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF NAMES OF FOUR (4) CITY OF CAMERON RESERVOIRS,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2014-57 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh informed Council citizen input had been solicited in varying

manners for renaming the City Reservoirs. The names presented for consideration were: Century Lake for Reservoir 1; Sunrise Lake for Reservoir 2; Eagle Lake for Reservoir 3; and, Grindstone Lake for Grindstone Reservoir. Bill 2014-57 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-33, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI APPROVING A NEW CITY OF CAMERON PERSONNEL GUIDELINE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2014-33 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass Resolution 2014-33. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said the current Guideline was created in 2002 and is in need of revisions. Staff spent several months working through the revisions, making additions and deletions, to improve and update the Personnel Guideline. Resolution 2014-33 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2014-34**, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR AN ALTEC AT37-G AERIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE TRUCK FROM ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. AND TO DECLARE THE CITY OF CAMERON'S 2005 FORD ELECTRIC SERVICE TRUCK BEING REPLACED AS SURPLUS** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2014-34 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass Resolution 2014-34. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said this is the typical vehicle replacement process implemented by the City. Staff used the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative (NJPAC) group who review and evaluate bids as a part of their service. Altec Industries, Inc. submitted a bid of $98,542 for the total truck. Resolution 2014-24 also declares the 2005 Ford service truck being replaced as surplus. The new unit is in the 2014-2015 Budget and Staff recommends approval of the purchase. Resolution 2014-34 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Library Board Appointments. The terms of Tracy Tharp, Mary Beth Carr and Joy Bowers expire January 2015. All have reached their term limit having served three (3) consecutive terms (total of nine years). The term limit is set by Missouri State Statute. Mr. Philip Robinson, Mr. Robert Stoebener and Mr. Tim Walley have each agreed to serve a three year term if appointed. Library Board Member Ann Fletchall has moved out of the City and can no longer fulfill her duties on the Board. Ms. Fletchall's term expires December 31, 2015. Ms. Mary Bradford has agreed to serve the unexpired term. Following Council review of the resumes from the candidates, Councilmember Breckenridge moved to appoint Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stoebener and Mr. Walley to three (3) year terms; and, appoint Ms. Bradford to fill the unexpired term ending in 2015. Councilmember Rose-Heim seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion on Lighting Ramps at I-35. Discussion focused on the US 36 and I-35 ramps. Improved lighting would assist in prevention of accidents on the ramps. The Missouri Department of Transportation is contemplating improvements at the site. Any action on part of the City would need to be examined carefully so not to conflict with future State of Missouri plans. Emergency Management would like to see more lighting at the ramp. Discussion will be

held with MoDOT to determine their plans for the area. Affordability of the project will also need to be considered.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council utilization of debit/credit card utility payments has increased in the last seven (7) years from 3-5 percent to 7-9 percent. Use of this customer service provided by the City is a convenience for many citizens.
- Said the Administrative Staff processed over 900 transactions today, December 15, 2014, at the front counter. The number of transactions is approximately 1/3 of the total utility bills mailed each month. The Administrative Staff was commended for their work.
- Shared with Council the annual Christmas Lighting Contest was changed this year into a coloring contest for children. Children submitted entries and winners were chosen by a panel of judges from the Missouri Veterans' Home. The top three (3) entry winners came to City Hall and received a prize as well as their family receiving a discount applied to their utility bill.

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Told Council there were 15 individuals enjoying the trail at the Lakes yesterday.

Councilmember Jack:

- Had been contacted by Mark Baker regarding damage to his Sixth Street property caused by a power line bore. Staff will contact Mr. Baker and the contractor to remedy the damage.

Motion was made at 7:00 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Personnel [RSMo 610.021 (3)] by Councilmember Jack. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Eddins. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 8:35 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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