CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2015

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 17th day of August 2015, 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 Cale Griffin and City Clerk/Finance Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the July 6, 2015, Council Session were approved as submitted with a voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim. Absent: Councilmember Eddins. Abstaining: Councilmember Breckenridge, stating she was not in attendance at the July 6, 2015 Council Session. Minutes from the July 20, 2015 and August 3, 2015 will be presented for approval at the next Regular Council Session.

Mayor Clark read the following statement regarding a City of Cameron Communication Plan:

"First, I have been informed that rumors are going around that the Cameron Municipal swimming pool will not open for the summer of 2016. I have no reason to expect that it will not open next summer, as it has done for the past 33 years. The pool is at the end of its expected lifespan, so there are no guarantees that it will remain operable until 2017 or 2018, which is the earliest a new pool could be completed.

In recent days, we have experienced the most divisive election of my memory, in the opinion of many, the citizens of the City of Cameron both need and desire new ball fields and a remodel or renovation of the municipal swimming pool. Over the past two years, two separate tax initiatives to support the construction of a new and modern municipal pool facility and ball fields have been defeated.

Most recently, despite the support of the City Council, the Park Board and the Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) committee, the proposed funding plan was defeated by a margin of 2:1. Obviously, this is in spite of the support of the officials, elected and appointed, who were designated to represent the community. It is clear that the twenty four months of meetings, open to the public for participation and input, have not resulted in a viable proposal that will obtain the majority of votes necessary to obtain the necessary funding.

The City Government transacts business by published laws and regulations that provide a well-defined process that must be utilized. This process requires transparency through meetings, open for public participation, captured for the public record and scheduled in advance. It is the obligation of the citizens of the community to participate in this process if they want to be involved in the structure of Government proposals.

While the Government uses Facebook to push information to the public, it is not part of the established Governmental process for interactive public communication involved in conducting Governmental business. Until it is codified in law by the Federal or State Government, with rules and regulations that outline the mechanism and requirements for maintain public records, and its use by and the conduct of Governmental officials, it is not the appropriate forum for communication between the public and the elected or appointed Governmental officials. The established process has been, and continues to be, participation by the public at public meetings.

I have reviewed the minutes of the past months meetings of the City Council and Park Board and cannot identify the public outcry of disapproval and lack of support that has recently been so visible on social media and by the election results.

In this review of the minutes of public participation, not once was an issue raised about the lack of a "sunset clause" and only one comment was made concerning the necessity to have economic development as a component of the tax. The Parks and Recreations Board did not have a single person attend and voice any comments against either the tax, the structure of the tax or the plans for utilization of the money that would be generated.

At the public comments, the City Council had 21 people voice support for this tax initiative and not a single instance is documented in the minutes, of someone being publically opposed to the proposed tax or the structure of the tax.

Open to the public and announced in advance, a joint session of the Cameron City Council; the Cameron Park Board and EDOC was held in May. Public input was requested for the proposed economic development tax.

Issues about transparency and the plans for the utilization of proceed were publically available at the scheduled meetings, and were published on Facebook.

Without a change in the communication process, going forward with another proposed initiative to fund the renovation or construction of a new municipal pool and construction of new ball fields, would, in my opinion, be a waste of the taxpayers' money.

Therefore, I am instituting the following communication plan to reach out to the citizens:

1. *A new committee will be formed between the City and the leadership of those opposed to the recent tax initiative. Councilwoman Jerri Ann Eddins and Darlene Breckenridge, both publically opposed the recent tax initiative, will represent the City of Cameron and will act as co-chairwomen and will directly liaison with the "Vote No" leadership who were in public opposition to the recent proposal.*
2. *I am asking the City Council to direct the City Manager to make available to this committee, the City Attorney for all matters concerning the legality of their proposal.*
3. *The City Manager has been directed to place a standing agenda item on both the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board agenda, for public participation on issues related to the acquisition of funding for the pool and ball parks, This standing agenda item will continue for the remainder of 2015 and be extended as needed. We welcome and hope that the public will attend and participate.*
4. *In an effort to involve the entire community, a request will be made to all philanthropic and social organizations, asking them to invite a representative of this committee to present their draft proposal during the month of October.*
5. *A representative of this new committee will be scheduled to present their actionable proposal for the funding of new ball parks and the renovation or replacement of the Cameron Municipal swimming pool, at the October 2015 meetings of the City Council and Park Board. This proposal needs to contain the identified financing mechanism, the interest rate and duration, and the conformation from the City Attorney, that the proposal meets the legal requirements.*

The City is happy to listen, but you must come forward and participate in the public sessions so we can hear your voice. It is my hope and goal that a realistic and actionable plan comes from these efforts."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Community Project Report. The Aiden McVicker Foundation has submitted a request for assistance with their Crossroads Crush Art, Music & Spirit Festival being held September 26, 2015. City Manager Gaugh asked Council to consider the event and give a recommendation regarding the requested assistance.

Ronda Altis, 809 West Third Street, addressed Council regarding the Park Board Minutes from March 2013 reflecting Board plans for improvements to the swimming pool. The minutes stated Mayor Clark asked the Park Board to delay their decision because other options were being researched. Ms. Altis said the minutes noted the Park Board members were not aware of this development.

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, said he would like to see the Council commit funds for street and sewer improvement; go "electronic" and update the website. Mr. Feighert asked the Council not to look at the past for answers, but look into future volunteers. Mr. Feighert also said he had spoken with eight (8) to ten (10) business owners and none of them had been contacted by Council regarding the proposed Economic Development Sales Tax.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Hall Exterior Cleaning. The contractor is finishing up work cleaning and sealing brick on City Hall.
2. Pilot Truck Stop Property. The Pilot lot has been cleaned up and the old Century 21 building has been removed.
3. Cameron Dragon Flies. Staff met with three representatives of the Dragon Flies, a club that deals with remote control model aircraft. The group would like five (5) acres of land for flying the models. Staff will see if there is any space available that would work for this activity. Two (2) desirable locations are the Grindstone area or the Airport area. Proper safety precautions, insurance coverage, etc. would need to be in place if a location is found.
4. Recognition of City Employees. An Open House at the Cameron Train Depot was recently held. Stan Hendrix, Dan Miller and Bryson Janovec, all Cameron Police Department employees spent a considerable amount of their own time working inside the building, organizing, re-arranging, etc., to improve the Depot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2015-28, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES MISSOURI, AND ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES, INC. FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS SERVICES AT THE CAMERON WASTEWATER FACILITY** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-28 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. No Additional information was presented. Bill 2015-28 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

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 2015-28 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 5891**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Bill 2015-29, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HERZOG CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR THE 2015 ASPHALT STREET PROJECT**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-29 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. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager reminded Council that Resolution 2015-18 awarded the 2015 Street Asphalt contract to Herzog at the July 20, 2015 Council Session. Bill 2015-29

approves the formal contract for the asphalt street project. Streets included in the project are Kristen, lea, Little Brick, Lovers Lane and Rosewood Court. Bill 2015-29 passed on first reading only with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Bill 2015-30, **ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI BUDGET OF THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-30 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 presented hi-lights of the 2015-2016 Budget. Projected revenue is $24,534,995 and projected expenses are $24, 398,869.

Other hi-lights:

- Public Works Department. Street improvements - $350,000 and pothole patching machine - $65,000.
- Police Department. Increase in supervisory level positons costing $13,000 and remodeling the work room and break areas - $15,000.
- Park Department. Funding for improvements to restrooms at various sites, purchase new mower and demolition of the band shell at Recreation Park.
- Airport. A $250,000 grant was included in the budget for an automated weather station.
- Personnel. A cost of living adjustment of two (2) percent and an increase in the pay per call for the volunteer firemen.
- Community Development/Code Departments. An increase was included in Community Development to reflect hiring Tim Hamilton as the Community Development Director. Staff is soliciting bids for a new animal shelter. The projected cost is $250,000 but has not been included in the budget presented. A budget adjustment could be made to fund the project once bids are reviewed.
- City Manager Gaugh said major improvements are planned for about eight (8) blocks of streets in the Lathrop and Sixth Street areas. The project will cost over $1 million and will be paid for from the Transportation Sales Tax fund.

Councilmember Breckenridge questioned expenditures for playground equipment, trails and other special projects and stated the City needs to be careful doling out funds for special projects. Mayor Clark said these are upgrades to the community and will encourage people to live here and spend money here. Councilmember Breckenridge replied there are numerous special projects that are worthy of consideration and the City needs to be careful in allocating funds to people. Councilmember Breckenridge moved to amend the budget regarding special projects. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Bill 2015-30 then passed on first reading only with a voice vote. "Aye" Councilmembers Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" Councilmember Breckenridge. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Bill 2015-31, **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD 4 AUGUST 2015 TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY OF CAMERON,**

CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI SHALL IMPOSE A ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-31 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. The proposed Economic Development Sales Tax failed with the following vote: "NO" 857 – "YES" 377. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

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. 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 5892**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Resolution 2015-20, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, IN SUPPORT OF MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR CROSSROADS CORPORATE CENTER INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CERTIFIED SITES PROGRAM**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2015-20 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Rose-Heim to pass Resolution 2015-20. Discussion. Community Development Director Hamilton told Council the Resolution supports proposed marketing and development strategies for land in Crossroad Corporate Center. This is part of the process for the City to apply for participation in the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Certified Sites program. Resolution 2015-20 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – 2015 Tax Levy. Councilmember Rose-Heim made a motion to go into a public hearing at 6:42 p.m. regarding the 2015 tax levy for the City of Cameron. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

City Clerk O'Connor said the tax levy numbers have come in from the State of Missouri: General Fund, $0.6263; Park Fund, $0.1538; Library Fund, $0.1758; and, Band Fund, $0.0879. The proposed 2015 tax levy is $1.0438 per $100 valuation on personal and real property in the City of Cameron. The levy reflects a $0.0249 increase from the 2014 levy. Bill 2015-32 was amended to reflect the levy amounts provided by the Missouri Auditor's Office.

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane said he did not find the levy amounts on the City of Cameron web site and asked to have the amounts. City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor provided the numbers for Mr. Feighert. There was no other public participation.

Councilmember Jack moved to go out of the public hearing and back into Regular Session at 6:45 p.m. Councilmember Rose-Heim seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Bill 2015-32, **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY TAXABLE IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2015, AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF,** was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-32 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill as amended on first reading. Discussion. No Additional information was presented. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge 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 5893**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Bill 2015-33, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS,** was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-33 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. This is the annual ethics/personal disclosure ordinance, which complies with State Statutes. 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 Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge 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 5894**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2015-21, **A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID TO JIM PARKER EQUIPMENT INC. TO DEMOLISH THREE DANGEROUS STRUCTURES FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2015-21 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass Resolution 2015-21. Discussion. Inspector Clyde Han stated the bids were solicited in conjunction with our program for removal of dangerous structures. Owners of the dilapidated structures have agreed to pay 25 percent of the demolition cost. Staff reviewed the bids and recommends the bid from Jim Parker Equipment for $29,545. One (1) structure was removed from the bid and lowered the bid to $22,575. Resolution 2015-21 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

Liquor License Application – Caterer's Permit. The Aiden McVicker Foundation and the Cameron Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a fundraiser called Crossroads Crush September 26, 2015 in the public right of way surrounding McCorkle Park. An ordinance is in place allowing the consumption of alcohol for this event at this location. Grindstone Valley Winery and Of the Earth Farm Distillery, LLC have both applied for a Caterer Permit for the event. Councilmember Jack moved to approve Caterer Permits for Grindstone Valley Winery and Of the Earth Farm distillery, LLC. Councilmember Rose-Heim seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Thanked Police Chief Rick Bashor, Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell and City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor for attending a Business Disaster Recovery luncheon. This is the first of many meetings to be held addressing business recovery and rebuilding in the event of a disaster.
- Also thanked all in attendance at the Session for their interest in City government. Councilmember Rose-Heim stated everyone needs to work together for solutions and he said he looks forward to working toward solutions with those present.

Councilmember Jack:

- Congratulated Councilmember Rose-Heim on his recent appointment as Regional Minister and President of Regional Board of the Christian Church.
- Stated the community can go forward working together for improving Cameron and said he anticipates the public will provide a plan to make the City of Cameron better.

Councilmember Breckenridge:

- Responded to Mayor Clark's opening comments regarding his City of Cameron Communication Plan. Councilmember Breckenridge stated she does not believe having individuals who do not agree being placed on a Committee will solve any issues. Both sides of an issue need to be represented on the Committee so that they can come up with common ground that all agree on. Councilmember Breckenridge said Mayor Clark should have let her and Councilmember Eddins know they would be Co-chairs of the Committee before the public announcement was made.

Mayor Clark:

- Responded to several questions as follows:
- The Park Board was researching use of an available 1/8 percent sales tax for either storm water or parks and the remaining 1/8 percent for capital improvements. At the same time, the Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) was working on a proposal that would include economic development along with a new pool and new ball fields and Mayor Clark asked the Park Board to delay their decision so all involved could make an informed choice.
- Stated there are 70 miles of streets in the City of Cameron. The Eighth Street Improvement Project cost $125,000 per block. The Transportation Sales Tax generates $600,000 per year. It is financially impossible to repair all 70 miles of streets with the funds available. Staff is trying to do the best they can with the funds being generated.
- Noted having a livable community goes beyond streets. The sales tax revenues have been flat for the last ten (10) years with the expense margin increasing each year.
- Addressed deficit spending by commenting in July 2014 the General Fund balance was $1,259,000 and in July of 2015 the balance was $2,164,000. This reflects an increase of over $900,000 for the General Fund. Council and Staff are being responsible with the Fund.
- Committees have been meeting for three (3) or four (4) years on the improvements felt necessary. The meetings have been available to the public. After exhaustive efforts, the new agenda item will be added so others can bring a workable plan to Council.
- The March 2013 minutes proposed a pool budget of $3,000,000. Now, two (2) years later, that cost has increased to $3,300,000.

Motion was made at 7:05 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Litigation/Real Estate [RSMo 610.021(1) (2)] by Councilmember Rose-Heim. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Jack. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 7:15 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk