

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2015**

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge and Jerri Ann Eddins. Absent: Dennis M. Clark and William B. Rose-Heim.

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

Minutes of the July 6, 2015, Council Session were not approved because there was not a quorum for the vote. Mayor Clark and Councilmember Rose-Heim were absent; and, Councilmember Breckenridge was not in attendance of the July 6, 2015 Council Session and abstained from the vote.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Drew Davis, 5271 SE Lakeview Drive, informed Council of his frustration with a perceived lack of communication from City Staff regarding requests for personal gates in the fencing being installed near Sunrise Lake. Mr. Davis wanted Council to know what the individuals living around the Lake have been through in their efforts to have the gates included in the fencing.

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, spoke about the proposed Economic Development Sales Tax and told Council a Facebook page has been started in an attempt to answer questions regarding the sales tax. Mr. Feighert invited Council to view the page and respond to questions posted. A definition of economic development and how revenue from the collection of the economic development sales tax could be used were among the questions Mr. Feighert posed. Mayor Pro-Tem Jack referenced the Sunshine Law and said because this topic was not on tonight's agenda; a discussion could not be held on the questions at this time. Mr. Feighert was asked to give his contact information to City Manager Gaugh.

## COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

None.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Sidewalk Projects. Work is progressing with no major changes to report since the last Council Session. Following discussions with the Missouri Department of Transportation, the two (2) sidewalk projects will be combined and re-bid.
2. Recycling Drop Off. The recycling center at Sutherlands will close the end of July. A Solid Waste Committee meeting will be scheduled to start efforts to secure another location for the recycling site.
3. The Missouri Department of Economic Development has created a process to pre-certify industrial sites. Staff is going through the process for City property in Crossroad Corporate Center. If an industrial prospect is interested in our location, the pre-certification would allow faster completion for the prospect to obtain land.
4. Street Maintenance Projects. Bids have been received for the projects and the work is scheduled for fall.

Budget Hearing/Workshop. 6:15 p.m. Councilmember Breckenridge made a motion to go into the Budget Hearing/Workshop by roll call vote. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Aye: Councilmembers Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

City Manager Gaugh highlighted items in the proposed budget with Council as follows:

- Police Department – increase supervisory levels from corporal to sergeant. Cost \$13,000.
- Cost of living adjustment of two (2) percent.
- Public Works Department - purchase a pothole patching machine. Cost \$65,000.
- Community Development increase to cover Community Development Director.
- Park Department – restroom improvements at Park Valley and soccer complex shelter addition. A new mower and demolition of the old band shell in Recreation Park are also included in the budget.
- Airport. A \$250,000 automated weather station for aircraft management and usage. A grant will fund the project and show as both revenue and expense in the budget.
- Sewer improvements. The improvements will be carried over from the 2014-2015 budget. Design work is nearly complete and the actual construction will primarily be in the 2015-2016 budget.
- Transportation Sales Tax Fund. The fund is increasing and will be used for the eight (8) block street project at Sixth and Lathrop Streets. The plan is to pay for the improvements from the fund and not borrow money to complete the project. The project should begin in the spring. The Walnut Street Sidewalk Projects are funded by MoDOT grants and matching funds for the grants will also come from the Transportation Sales Tax fund.

- Animal Shelter. A proposed new animal shelter is not included in the 2015-2016 budget. Staff is estimating a cost of \$250,000, but is seeking an accurate number before placing the project in the budget. There is \$15,000 in the animal shelter budget for maintenance of the current facility.

Councilmember Breckenridge said Council needs to be careful using reserve funds for the budget. The \$60,000 playground equipment continues to be an issue for Councilmember Breckenridge. Caution was urged on spending reserve funds.

Councilmember Eddins noted recent deficient budgets and agreed that vigilance should be used in spending reserve funds.

The Finance Committee met and reviewed the proposed budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack opened the floor for comments from the public. John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, thanked Councilmember Breckenridge for voicing her concerns on spending reserve funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack stated he is not an advocate of spending money either, but said Staff is trying to do a good job with all funds.

6:40 p.m. Councilmember Breckenridge made a motion to go out of the Budget Hearing/Workshop by roll call vote. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Aye: Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bill 2015-25, AN ORDINANCE STATING EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 6-115. DRINKING IN PUBLIC ALLOWED, OF DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF MALT LIQUOR AND WINE ON THIRD STREET FROM WALNUT TO CHERRY STREET, CHESTNUT STREET FROM THIRD STREET TO FOURTH STREET, FOURTH STREET FROM CHESTNUT STREET TO CHERRY STREET AND McCORKLE PARK INCLUDING PUBLIC RIGHT A WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI (Crossroads Crush Festival)** Bill 2015-25 was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-25 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2015-25 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim. The Mayor Pro-Tem thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5888**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2015-26, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT TRUCK GROUP OF KANSAS CITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 INTERNATIONAL 7400 DUMP TRUCK & ASSOCIATED SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-26 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2015-26 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2015-26 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim. The Mayor Pro-Tem thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5889**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2015-27, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER ESTABLISHING HOCHSCHILD, BLOOM & COMPANY LLP AS THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUDITOR FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-27 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said Bill 2015-27 is a companion document to Resolution 2015-15 for audit services. Former audit firm, Westbrook and Company, did a very good job over the years, but it is a good idea to change auditing firms to provide a broad insight to the City's overall financial record system. Bill 2015-27 passed on first reading only with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

**Resolution 2015-18, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE CAMERON 2015 ASPHALT STREET PROJECT AND AWARDING THE BID TO HERZOG CONTRACTING CORPORATION**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2015-18 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass Resolution 2015-18. Discussion. Staff solicited bids for the 2015 Asphalt Street Project. Three (3) bids were received with Herzog Contracting Corp. submitting the lowest base bid of \$251,974.95. City Manager Gaugh said this is for the asphalt project only and Herzog would try to finish the project by November. Resolution 2015-18 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2015-19, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NUMBER THREE (3) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution

2015-19 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge to pass Resolution 2015-19. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh stated making quarterly budget adjustments has worked well. There was nothing unusual about this adjustment but there will be a final budget adjustment [number four (4)] for this fiscal year. Resolution 2015-19 passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

TIF Public Hearing. 7:40 p.m. Councilmember Breckenridge made a motion to go into the TIF Public Hearing by roll call vote. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Aye: Councilmembers Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

Deborah Polk, Tax Increment Finance Attorney, reviewed the Crossroads Tax Increment Financing Plan and the Crossroads II Tax Increment Financing Plan. The City is required to hold a five (5) year public hearing on our TIF Plans to determine if the Plans are proceeding as expected. The Crossroads TIF Plan was approved in 1994 and is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. The information has not changed since the last TIF Public Hearing. Wal-Mart, Sears and Dollar General all paid off early. Wal-Mart and Dollar General paid off in 2002; and, Sears in 2007. The final two (2) projects, Earley Business Park and Gage and Eckerd have not been developed and so have had no TIF collections as well. Crossroad II was approved in 2004 with four (4) projects. Project Build decided to use a Chapter 100 route so there were no collections for that project. Redevelopment projects approved in 2005 with MGE were never completed, again with no TIF revenues generated. Orscheln's was approved in 2008 and \$387,000 of TIF revenue collected to date with \$104,000 having been reimbursed. \$203,000 remains to be paid. The Orscheln's project is three (3) years ahead of schedule. The third amendment contained the Family Foot Healthcare center. It was approved in 2010 with \$25,000 paid out so far. \$70,000 is due and the project will run for 24 years. The Manion TIF is a couple of years away from commencing.

There were no public comments during the Hearing.

7:50 p.m. Councilmember Eddins made a motion to go out of the TIF Public Hearing by roll call vote. Councilmember Breckenridge seconded the motion. Aye: Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins and Jack. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

Liquor License Applications. Liquor License Applications were received from Julie Mallen, Cameron Chamber of Commerce, for a Retail Liquor by Drink Picnic Liquor License for a "Party on the Pavement" located on Cherry Street between Second and Third Streets; and, from Sharon Uthe, Casey's General Store # 1110 at 405 Grand Avenue, for an Original Package Liquor and Sunday Original Package Liquor licenses. Application requirements and fees were properly submitted. Councilmember Breckenridge moved to approve both liquor license applications. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

Cameron Housing Authority – Appointment. The term of Wally Gallian expires in August. Mr. Gallian has agreed to serve another four (4) year term if re-appointed. A notice was

placed in the Citizen-Observer seeking individuals interested in serving in the appointed position. Mr. Gallian's response was the only one received. Councilmember Eddins moved to re-appoint Wally Gallian to the Cameron Housing Authority. Councilmember Breckenridge seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Quinten Lovejoy, 807 Rosewood Drive, stated it has been a challenge to get information on the proposed Economic Development Sales Tax. Mr. Lovejoy would like the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, in particular the Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) members, to speak directly to a group he is a member of regarding the sales tax. City Manager Gaugh will speak with Mr. Lovejoy regarding the information he is seeking.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jack:

- Commented there is a lot going on with both sides of the Economic Development Sales Tax issue making the following comments:
- The swimming pool is guaranteed to be at the present location by ballot language.
- The current ball fields are substandard.
- The Veterans agreed to allow the City to gift the land (ball field number four) to the school for the new middle school.
- Current ball fields had drainage work done 15 to 18 years ago, but the location of the fields is in a low spot and is not adequate for drainage.
- Stated the City needs to move forward to have the quality of life this City deserves.
- The City doesn't own suitable land for the ball fields and the price of potential sites might increase if a location is established for the fields.
- Discussed tax rates in surrounding communities noting there is frequently a Commercial Improvement District (CID) tax that most shoppers do not realize is being placed on the purchase of products which drives up the price. The CID is a tax that is simply put in place and voters have no chance to vote on its implementation. Most shoppers do not even realize the CID is in addition to sales tax.

Motion was made at 7:02 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss 610.021(1) Legal Matters and Communications with Counsel by Councilmember Breckenridge. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Eddins. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Eddins, Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

\* \* \* \* \*

Council reconvened Open Session at 7:20 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Eddins, the

meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a voice vote. Absent: Councilmembers: Clark and Rose-Heim.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk/Finance Clerk