CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2015

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 5th day of October 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, Jerri Ann Eddins, Ronnie Jack and William B. Rose-Heim. Absent: none.

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

Minutes of the September 9, 2015, Council Session were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jamey McVicker, 127 East Evergreen, thanked Council and City Department Heads for their help with the Crossroads Crush Festival held on September 26, 2015. The Festival was held in conjunction with the Cameron Chamber of Commerce and the Aiden McVicker Foundation.

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, questioned Bill 2015-38 regarding the Economic Development of Cameron agreement. Mr. Feighert stated concerns about not getting economic development results from previous agreements.

Proclamation. Mayor Clark read and presented a Proclamation to Troy Green for his "Ruck Between the Rivers" walk from Hannibal to St. Joseph. Mr. Green, a military veteran, walked to raise funds for the Missouri Veterans' Home in Cameron. October 5, 2015 was declared "Ruck Between the Rivers" Day in Cameron.

Georgia Drager – Safehaven Cat Shelter. Ms. Drager made a Safehaven Animal Rescue Cat House presentation which focused on overpopulation of cats in Cameron. A recent building

donation from Dr. Mark Carr will allow a shelter for cats with newborn kittens and cats recovering from surgery. There are also plans to develop a cat adoption program.

COMMUNITY PROJECT REPORT

None.

MUNICIPAL POOL/BALL FIELD STATUS

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, said he has spoken with Park Board members and individuals in the community to gather ideas regarding the pool and ball field improvements. Comments received: cut waste and use funds for pool (i.e. streets and sewer); revisit the original plan for a municipal pool; seek land donations; add a fee to utility bills for use of municipal pool; and have the School and Park Board each donate $35,000 and then have a $70,000 match from the City to be used for pool and ballfield improvements.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Hall Exterior Concrete Repairs. The outside bricks have been repaired, cleaned and sealed. Contractors will be applying an asphalt overlay to the drive-thru area.
2. Wastewater Plant and System Improvements. The revised schedule is as follows: October 6, 2015 - Bid Openings (10:00 for Plant, 10:30 for Collection System).
3. Water Treatment Plant. Ross Construction has completed the work replacing the basin launders for the treatment clarifier basins.
4. Sidewalk Projects. TranSystems is preparing final drawing changes and preparing the Walnut Street Sidewalk Projects for re-bid.
5. Lathrop Street Area Reconstruction. This project has been designed by TranSystems. The project will be ready for bidding in January. Our goal is to begin construction this spring.
6. Bike Across Missouri (Big BAM). Staff attended an informational session at a Highway 36 Alliance meeting dealing with the Bike Across Missouri (BAM) event scheduled for next June. There will be approximately 1,000 to 2,000 cyclists and support people coming through Cameron from St. Joseph on the way to Hannibal. An EDOC committee has expressed interest in coordinating the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2015-35, **A BILL FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A DOG GROOMING OCCUPATION THROUGH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TRILLIAN TELLER AT 524 NORTH CHESTNUT STREET,** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-35 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 2015-35 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2015-38, **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND CAMERON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE d.b.a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CAMERON**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2015-38 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Mike O'Donnell, Board of Director for the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC) Committee, said under terms of the agreement the City will pay EDOC $3,000 per month for economic development efforts. EDOC then hires someone to perform economic development work. Mr. O'Donnell reviewed past accomplishment and finances of the EDOC Committee and encouraged Council to approve the Economic Development Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Rose-Heim noted Electric Cooperatives realized the need for economic development during the farm crisis and began training economic development leaders. Bill 2015-38 passed on first reading only with a voice vote: four (4) "Aye" votes and one (1) "Nay" vote. Councilmember Breckenridge voted "Nay".

Lagers Election. Councilmember Eddins moved to appoint Councilmember Jack as the Employer delegate to the 48th Annual LAGERS meeting. Councilmember Rose-Heim seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Inspector Clyde Han was elected by the employees as the Employee Delegate.

Appointments. On motion made by Councilmember Rose-Heim and seconded by Councilmember Eddins, Gib Keith, Sam Hiner and Jack Briggs were reappointed to the Cameron Industrial Development Authority; and Larry Rader was appointed as an alternate member to both the Cameron Planning and Zoning Commission and the Cameron Board of Adjustment with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, informed Council the Session is being live streamed and questions are being texted to him regarding: the water pipeline; how much have water rates increased/future increases; is there guaranteed water during a drought; spent $1 million already in the budget; fee for each group of users; budget cash available; why is there a $2.4 million negative cash available in the budget; and, how will Councilmember Rose-Heim be replaced since he is leaving the Council.

Pam Ice, Cameron Chamber of Commerce, expressed the Chamber's appreciation for the City's cooperation and help with the Crossroad Crush Festival. The crowd was estimated between 800 and 1500, with individuals coming and going throughout the event. Many vendors expressed interest in participating next year. Ms. Ice also informed council the Chamber Christmas Parade will be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving this year. The parade will be a night parade going from McCorkle Park to Recreation Park.

Lisa Savage, 1401 North Howenstein, asked how much money has been collected for the pipeline. City Manager Gaugh responded the City has entered into a contract with the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission along with two (2) other communities. The Commission received a $5 million grant and a loan for $17 million. Cameron is the largest member and will pay the biggest load since the contract is a pay for usage contract. This is the water plan that will meet demand for the future. Rates will increase and Staff is working to determine the amount of the increase.

Joe Abrutz, Cameron Regional Medical Center, complemented Council for their commitment to quality of life matters. Mr. Abrutz also thanked Councilmember Jack for his involvement with the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Rose-Heim:

- Announced the next Council Session will be his last. Councilmember Rose-Heim has accepted a position and is required to live in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Thanked all in attendance for moving beyond disagreeing and listening to one another.

Councilmember Jack:

- Noted that water rates have been adjusted periodically and said City of Cameron rates are 10 to 20 percent under most cities. When the EPA quits placing mandates on cities it will help lessen rate increases.
- Said the City chose to go with a full flow of water from the pipeline in order to keep the quality of water high. The Correctional Facilities use approximately one third of all water used for the City.
- Remembered seven (7) or eight (8) years ago when the City was all but out of water. This agreement will guarantee water for Cameron.
- Stated it has been a pleasure to work with Councilmember Rose-Heim.

Councilmember Breckenridge:

- Said she does appreciate economic development, but voted no on the EDOC agreement because Rumery and Associates, hired by EDOC has not brought anything to the City. In three (3) years there have been inquiries but no action.
- Shared photos of storm water runoff by Hunan's and Kemper Motors and asked if the storm water pipe was big enough. City Manager Gaugh said the pipe will not handle a gully washer as was experienced. Councilmember Breckenridge asked City Manager Gaugh to touch base with the property owners.

City Manager Gaugh:

- Addressed utility rates by stating the City will face more rate increases in water rates and also in wastewater and electric rates. If coal fire plants shut down electricity costs will increase. Sewer and water rates will increase, but efforts are being made to keep the rates as low as possible. We are non-profit, but do need to

have reserves for maintenance. It will take three (3) to four (4) years to build the pipeline and there will be incremental increases in rates. The final cost is unknown at this time.

Fire Chief O'Donnell:

- Thanked Councilmember Rose-Heim for his 14 years of service to the Fire Department.
- Informed Council that Michael Cox has participated for two (2) years in the KC 911 Stair Climb. Mr. Cox has climbed 110 stories with full firefighting gear in place.

Mayor Clark:

- Said there have been a lot of changes in the last four and a half years: streets; storm water; electric repair; water improvements; playground equipment for handicapped individuals; trails; land for the new middle school; and ,all were controversial along the way.
- Noted the Council, Park Board and School Board are all volunteers, not enemies.
- Encouraged people to asked questions.
- Stated there has been no history of deliberate maliciousness by the City. People are trying to improve the community.

Motion was made at 7:30 p.m. by Councilmember Eddins to adjourn into Executive Session for discussion on [640.021(1) Legal Matters and Communications with Counsel. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Jack. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins, Jack and Rose-Heim. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 8:00 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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