RESOLUTION 2015-23

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mark S. Gaugh, City Manager

DATE: October 19, 2015

RE: Council Vacancy Resolution

Issues

The city attorney has researched the statutes regarding filling vacancies on the City Council and the attached resolution is recommended as the guide to procedure for filling vacancies.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council consider the Resolution for filling Council vacancies.

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL THE VACANCY DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED RESIGNATION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAM B. ROSE-HEIM FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, Council Member, William B**.** Rose-Heim has made public his intention to resign his office at the conclusion of the October 19, 2015 Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, this resignation will leave a vacancy in the Council as of the time of his resignation; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-16 of the City of Cameron Code of Ordinances (Ord. No. 3511) provides that should a vacancy occur in the office of councilmember by death, resignation or otherwise, the council shall select a successor who shall serve until the next regular election; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of Cameron that the Council facilitate an efficient, equitable process to appoint, upon vacancy, a qualified person in as timely a manner as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties:

THAT the selection and appointment of an interim Council Member shall follow the process set forth herein:

1. The application process shall open immediately upon passage of this resolution, and an announcement inviting applications will be printed in the Cameron Observer as soon as possible to notify the public of this process and the application period.
2. The application period shall close on November 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
3. On Monday, November 9, a special council meeting will be held and each candidate will be allowed a period not to exceed five minutes in open session to present his or her qualifications. The order of presentation will be in alphabetical order by last name.
4. The Council will evaluate the qualifications of the candidates.
5. Following the evaluation, the Council will vote to appoint the interim Council member. Any Council Member may nominate a candidate and nominations do not require a second.
6. As soon as one candidate receives an affirmative majority vote, the Mayor will declare him or her to be appointed to the vacancy, and there will be no

vote taken on the remaining candidates. The successful candidate will take the oath of office at the next regularly scheduled Council Session.

7. If, after 30 days following the effective date of the vacancy, the City Council cannot agree on an appointee, the Mayor shall select from those candidates nominated by the members of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the person appointed to the interim City Council position will serve until the person elected in the April, 2016 General Election takes office, at which point the person so elected to fill the vacancy, after the election is certified and the oath of office is taken, shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of October 2015.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk