

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
John R. Feighert	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge, Dennis M. Clark, John R. Feighert and Ronnie Jack. Absent: none.

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

Minutes of the November 21, 2016, Council Session were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

Presentation by Jill McCarthy, KCADC. Ms. McCarthy addressed Council regarding economic development. Ms. McCarthy said Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) is a regional group working to attract new businesses to the area. The City of Cameron is a member of KCADC. At times there are anywhere from 100 to 110 open projects at the same time. However, projects average approximately 90 to 95 in a course of a year. KCADC is excited about Cameron's new site noting most businesses looking to locate/relocate want existing land available. According to Ms. McCarthy, 80 to 85 percent of businesses locate in urban areas usually with an existing building. Five (5) per cent of projects go into rural areas. Ms. McCarthy discussed the possibilities available if a spec building is in place. Businesses are always looking for what is existing.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jim McKinley, 7095 SE McDiven Lane, encouraged Council to pass Bill 2016-54 regarding design of a pedestrian bridge at Sunrise Lake. Mr. McKinley is a member of the Veterans Assistance League in Cameron and stated the improvements will allow the veterans to enjoy nature and to go fishing locally.

Gary Summers, resident of Cameron, also spoke as a member of the Veterans Assistance League noting Bill 2016-54 is important for quality of life issues for the local veterans. Mr. Summers urged Council to favorably consider approving the Bill and utilizing the grant funds.

Dave Harris, 807 Kristen Street, said Sunrise Lake is a tremendous asset and could draw many visitors if developed properly. Mr. Harris stated it would be reasonable to vote to approve Bill 2016-54 and asked Council to think thoughtfully and vote accordingly.

Drew Davis, rural Cameron, said nobody can object to a grant for the Lake improvements noting the trails are used frequently. Mr. Davis also discussed a request from adjacent land owners for a gate in the fence around the Lake and acknowledged it is understandable to have a buffer around Sunrise Lane.

John Feighert, 311 South Orange, said now that land has been purchased be careful about building a spec noting the potential loss of money that could be involved.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Sewer Projects. Work at the wastewater treatment plant is 70% complete with a projected completion date of March 18, 2017. Work is continuing on the F-0001 sub-basin.
2. Dilapidated Structures Demolitions. Staff is ready to begin the process for the second phase of demolitions of dilapidated houses.
3. Sidewalk Project. The sidewalk project along Walnut is basically complete.
4. Security Lights Conversion. In conjunction with our street light conversions to LED technology, Staff has started the process of changing out the 100 watt security lights with 50 watt LEDs. Over time this will lower our cost of purchased power.
5. GNWWC. The Wholesale Commission work is progressing with focus on easement acquisition at this time.
6. Land Purchase and House Status. Staff will develop a plan for utility extensions regarding newly acquired property. The house located on the property has been evacuated, but needs an interior remodel. Staff may begin moving some of the electrical materials to the newly acquired shop building to get those materials out of the weather.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bill 2016-51, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ADDING ARTICLE VII. SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS TO CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON MISSOURI RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS** remains tabled pending Police schedule for Safety Committee Meeting.

**Bill 2016-52, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AMENDING ARTICLE III NUISANCES, CHAPTER**

**8, OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON MISSOURI RELATING TO EXTERIOR DISPLAY AND STORAGE**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor on third reading. Copies of Bill 2016-52 were made available to the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2016-52 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Eddins and Jack. "Nay": Councilmembers: Breckenridge and Feighert. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5859**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

**Bill 2016-53, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RIVER BLUFF ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN OF AN ANIMAL SHELTER**, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-53 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. The project will be funded by the General Fund. Bill 2016-53 passed on second reading with a voice vote of four (4) "Aye" votes; and, Councilmember Feighert voting "Nay".

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. No additional information was presented. Bill 2016-53 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Eddins and Jack. "Nay": Councilmember Feighert. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5860**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark to remove Bill 2016-54 from the table for first reading. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with a voice vote of three (3) "Aye" votes; and, Councilmembers: Breckenridge and Feighert voting "Nay".

**Bill 2016-54, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARTLETT & WEST, INC. FOR DESIGN OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SUNRISE LAKE SPILLWAY**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-54 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Funding for the project is provided by a \$191,000 grant. The grant requires the City provide matching funds which includes in-kind work and a cash match of \$1,100. The in-kind work will be supplied by the full-time employee base and will total an estimated six (6) to eight (8) hours monthly. The engineering agreement for \$26,000 is a reimbursable part of the grant which was approved by Council in February 2016. Bill 2016-54 passed on first reading only with a voice vote of three (3) "Aye" votes; and, Councilmembers Breckenridge and Feighert voting "Nay".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill 2016-55, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AMENDING CHAPTER 8 – OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-55 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Attorney Corcoran informed Council the 97<sup>th</sup> General Assembly approved Senate Bill 491 which will become effective January 1, 2017. Bill 2016-55 is being adopted to mirror the State changes which change or transfer portion of the statutes to other statutory sections, amends word use i.e. “he” to “he or she”, etc.; and, adding two (2) new classes of offenses. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Clark 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, Eddins, Feighert and Jack. “Nay” none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5861**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

**Bill 2016-56, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI ACCEPTING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT CONCERNING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2016-56 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh noted due diligence was done before the purchase of the 380 acres by having a survey, appraisal and phase one (1) environmental study completed. The purchase price was \$6,000 per acre. Councilmembers Breckenridge and Feighert noted their opposition to the purchase and the way the purchase was handled. Bill 2016-56 passed on first reading with a voice vote of three (3) “Aye” votes and Councilmember Breckenridge and Councilmember Feighert voting “Nay”.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2016-56 passed on second reading with a voice vote of three (3) “Aye” votes and Councilmember Breckenridge and Councilmember Feighert voting “Nay”.

On motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Clark, Eddins and Jack. “Nay”: Councilmembers: Breckenridge and Feighert. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5862**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

**Resolution 2016-25, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2016-25 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2016-25. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh said this begins the process of annexing 380 acres of land recently purchased and approximately 12 acres of watershed land near Sunrise Lake purchased in 2013. Resolution 2016-25 passed with a voice vote of three (3) "Aye" votes and Councilmember Breckenridge and Councilmember Feighert voting "Nay".

**Resolution 2016-26, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FERRARA MVP PUMPER RESCUE FIRE APPARATUS, MOUNTED ON A CINDER CUSTOM CHASSIS, BY THE CITY OF CAMERON CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI FROM FERRARA FIRE APPARATUS, INC., TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2016-26 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass Resolution 2016-26. Discussion. Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell said the truck purchase will be funded by the Fire Protection Sales Tax approved in April of 2016. Production of the truck will take approximately 300 days. Resolution 2016-26 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Leslie Corey Sloan, 306 East Fourteenth Street, said he is all for economic development but asked that people remember the history of economic development in Cameron. Mr. Sloan asked for an economic development study, labor statistics etc. from the past endeavors to prove the plan is good for the community.

Sue Manion, 602 C Lana Drive, commended Council on their arguments and disagreements, but said she finally sees a light at the end of the tunnel for Cameron. The recent land purchase is a positive step for economic development. Ms. Manion stated we all lose if we don't work together and said she truly believes if differences are set aside Cameron can be put back on the map. Everyone was encouraged to be respectful and positive.

John Feighert, IV, 202 Golden Eagle Lane, said he was excited when he turned 18 and was able to vote, but questions whether his vote counts when projects move forward when the public has voted in opposition to them.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilmember Feighert:

- Expressed concern that Councilmembers did not know when the property purchase was finalized.

- Stated his appreciation of veterans and their service that has allowed him to be a Councilmember charged with making decisions for the City.

Councilmember Clark:

- Said it is the Council job to find ways to pay for improvements and growth. The results have been very good the last four (4) to six (6) years. The land purchase will do double duty serving the Electric Department and potentially economic development.

Councilmember Jack:

- Remembered a man that was adamantly against the trail but now admits it is well used and is an asset to Sunrise Lake.
- The property recently purchased would not have remained obtainable for long. The City had to act quickly to facilitate the purchase while the property was available.

Councilmember Breckenridge:

- Echoed Councilmember Feighert's comments saying all members of the Council need to be provided complete information.

Mayor Eddins:

- Stated the economic development tax failed because it was a tax with no plan in mind, no plan no tax. The land purchased was purchased with no tax.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Jerri Ann Eddins

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk