CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2017

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
John R. Feighert	P
Ronnie Jack	P
L. Corey Sloan	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 2nd day of October 2017, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Darlene Breckenridge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Darlene Breckenridge presided with the following Councilmembers present: Dennis M. Clark, John R. Feighert, Ronnie Jack and L. Corey Sloan. Absent: none.

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

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the victims, emergency crews and hospital professionals affected by the October 1, 2017 tragic mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Minutes of the September 18, 2017, Council Session were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

Discussion Cat Shelter. City Manager Gaugh said the following statement was issued last week and there have been no changes. The City has heard that there are many questions from some Cameron residents, regarding the cat building which is located on the City's Animal Shelter site. For background, the previous operator of the cat building entered into a lease with the City that granted the previous operator the ability to locate the cat building on the Animal Shelter site. Due to the Animal Shelter site being public property, any person wishing to locate structures must enter into a lease with the City. The lease with the previous operator was for a one-year term that expired on January 4, 2017. When City staff discovered that the cat building was being used without an executed lease, Staff presented the operator with a new lease to sign. The new lease was the same as the original lease. Unfortunately, the operators and the City could not reach an agreement regarding the lease, making relocation of the cat building necessary. This was recommended by staff and approved by the City Council with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

This relocation does not affect the City's operation of its animal shelter for dogs, cats, feral cats and other animals. No City services for animals have changed, because of the relocation of the cat building. The City does not use a gas chamber to euthanize animals. This process is done through a licensed veterinarian only as needed for feral cats or when the vet deems it necessary. For those needing to know where the cat building will be located, you will need to contact the operator(s) of the building. The City does not have that information.

Kerrie Riley, 1316 NW Louise Drive, voiced support for Georgia Drager and her GiGi's Purrs and Pawz Animal Rescue and also her displeasure of the use of a gas chamber to euthanize cats. City Manager Gaugh responded the City has not used the gas chamber since April 2017 but instead uses a veterinarian to euthanize the animals. An agreement must be in place for the Cat Shelter to operate on City property according to City Manager Gaugh.

Georgia Drager, 5960 NW Sales Barn Road, presented an insurance policy required by the City. Ms. Drager said she and Sue Manion have not been presented with an accurate lease reflecting ownership of the building.

Ms. Drager was asked how much time she needs to relocate the Cat Shelter to which she responded at least two (2) months. City Attorney Corcoran said the lack of insurance was a legal issue and Ms. Drager said she has the insurance but will discontinue operation of the Shelter if necessary.

Sue Manion, 11742 Packard Lane, said the issue is the ownership of the building. In 2015 Dr. Mark Carr gave the building to Safe Haven. For a period of time, the building was used as a storage building. Then it was decided to open up the Cat Shelter. Ms. Manion stated her support of Georgia Drager noting the City does a good job with dogs but is sorely lacking with the handling of cats. The City has spent money on a dog park and should do the same for cats.

Ms. Drager was told with no lease in place, the business is a liability to the City.

Marilyn Teel 312 East Fourteenth Street, asked what steps were taken before the eviction was done. City Manager Gaugh said Staff had met with Ms. Drager and Ms. Manion. Ms. Teel said the facility had no water or electricity and City Manager Gaugh responded electricity and water were at the building. No sewer was connected since the building only had a hand sink and there was no need for the sewer.

Development Director Wymes said he had delivered a message to Drager and Manion asking them to call the City.

Robbie Rosenau, 10542 NE Old Highway 36, offered Ms. Drager a place to locate her Cat Shelter and stated he is proud to support Ms. Drager.

Allyson Bailie, 208 West Fourth Street, stated her support of Ms. Drager as did Susie Budgett, 1102 East Fourth; and, Bill Muders, 521 North Mead Street.

Councilmember Sloan moved to extend the time for the Cat Shelter to be relocated for another 90 days. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. City Attorney Corcoran reminded Council the second lease would have ended in January of 2018.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Mark Carr, 1021 South Chestnut, said he donated the Cat Shelter building to Safe Haven in 2015 and he paid to have the structure moved to the current location. Dr. Carr encouraged Council to work with Sue Manion and Georgia Drager regarding the Shelter.

Heidi Sloan, 306 East Fourteenth Street, asked why residents were limited to only two (2) dogs and there are no limits or leash laws for cats in the City.

Alzada Borchardt, 406 Willow Wood, stated her support for Georgia Drager.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Holidays. City Manager Gaugh said this is the time of the year the City adds to the holiday lighting inventory and asked if Council wants to increase the number of displays for this year. Councilmember Clark moved to purchase $5,000 additional display items. Councilmember Sloan seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.
2. Parks Department Open House. September 21, 2017 the Park Board held an Open House for visitors to view the results of the recently completed Parks Master Plan. There was a good turnout with a lot of questions asked relating to the Plan.
3. Dispatching Services. Chief of Police Rick Bashor and City Manager Gaugh plan to meet with representatives from DeKalb County for continued discussions of the City providing a limited dispatch operation service for DeKalb County.
4. Economic Development Report by Rumery & Associates. Terry Rumery, Consultant, reported on projects:
    - One project is moving along with a second unannounced visit. The first decision on this project is State side, and the second is overseas.
    - Another project needs an existing building, but would have good benefits and wages if located here.
    - A large international project contact was made last week.
    - The VA Home clinic is a slow moving project.
    - Retail project went to Moberly.
    - Some things are moving with a company on the east side of the State showing some interest in Cameron.
    - Discussion on the number of businesses located in Cameron with Mr. Rumery's involvement in 2015 and 2016 versus number located in Chillicothe reflected that two (2) were located in Cameron; and Mr. Rumery was involved in two (2) at Chillicothe. Mr. Rumery was involved in one which is locating in the new Business Park in 2017.

5. Work is progressing at the north Travel Center, as well as the other side of Highway 36, where new fuel pumps and expanded concrete parking are under construction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2017-33, **AN 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 DeKALB, AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND CAMERON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE d.b.a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CAMERON**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2017-33 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Pam Ice, President of the Cameron Chamber of Commerce and Mike O'Donnell also representing the Chamber, presented documentation to assist Council in the approval decision of the Economic Development Agreement between the City and the Cameron Chamber of Commerce~EDOC. Included in the documentation was: a list of EDOC Board Members; a list businesses lost and gained 2012-2017; Cameron projects; EDOC Profit or Loss 2018 budget; EDOC Profit or Loss September 2017; and EDOC Work Plan. The agreement is for $36,000 and the funds go toward an Economic Development Consultant, memberships, and hosting prospective businesses. Questions were raised about the number of businesses the Consultant has brought to the City and how many other cities the Consultant represents. Ms. Ice responded there have not been very many businesses but noted with the recent purchase of the Business Park, there is now something to market. Consultant Terry Rumery does represent other cities but Ms. Ice and Mr. O'Donnell said Mr. Rumery has marketed Cameron effectively and efficiently. Bill 2017-33 passed on first reading only with a voice vote of three (3) "Aye" and Councilmembers: Breckenridge and Feighert voting "Nay".

7:55 p.m. Councilmember Sloan excused himself from the Chamber.

Bill 2017-34, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KELLER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2017 ASPHALT STREET PROJECT,** was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2017-34 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. The low base bid of $315,189 was submitted by Keller Construction and recommended by Staff. The City received three (3) bids for the project. Staff requested a full reading in order to get the project completed as soon as possible. Motion carried. Absent: Councilmember Sloan.

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

8:00 p.m. Councilmember Sloan returned to the Chamber.

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, Feighert and Jack. "Nay" none. Abstain: Councilmember Sloan. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5996**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk/Finance Clerk.

Bill 2017-35, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB, AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN ZONING CLASSIFICATION FROM "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "C-2" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OWNED BY HOLIDAY PROPERTIES**, was read by title by City Clerk/Finance Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2017-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Wymes explained the applicant, Duane Buckmaster, is requesting rezoning of 20.23 acres adjacent to the Cameron Wastewater Treatment Plant from R-2, Two Family Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District. A public hearing was held by the Cameron Planning and Zoning Commission on September 11, 2017. Following the hearing, the Commission and Staff recommend the change from R-2 to C-2. Bill 2017-35 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pam Ice, Cameron Chamber of Commerce, informed Council of upcoming Chamber events: Crossroads Crush Festival, October 6, 2017; Christmas Parade, November 25, 2017; December "Go Local" social media blitz; and, the Chamber will host the Missouri Department of Economic Development in January 2018. Ms. Ice invited Council to attend the events.

Georgia Drager, 5960 NW Sale Barn Road, read a letter giving a history/time frame of the Cat Shelter located at the Cameron Animal Shelter to Council. January, 2016 a lease was approved between the City and Safe Haven for the Shelter. The building was moved to current site July, 2016. The Shelter opened in May, 2017 under GiGi's Purrs and Pawz Animal Rescue. Ms. Drager said she has a passion for her rescue efforts and is unhappy about the way the Cat Shelter lease has been handled.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Clark:

- Expressed support for the Crossroads Crush Festival.

- Stated there is no one on Council who dislikes cats or dogs. Council is working to get a plan for the Animal Shelter with a time frame that will allow the project to move forward. There are always issues with volunteer's liability and this should be worked through with the City Manager, Staff and City Attorney.

Councilmember Feighert:

- Also supports the Crossroads Crush Festival.
- Said he prefers to keep as many discussions as possible in Open Sessions versus closed Executive Sessions.
- Addressed Terry Rumery, Economic Development Consultant, stating he hopes Mr. Rumery will prove Councilmember Feighert doubts to be wrong regarding the Agreement approved tonight.

Councilmember Sloan:

- Noted we live in a great nation and are allowed to agree to disagree. Council is to reach out and know the facts, but is forced to not discuss closed session issues. Councilmembers are elected to make hard decisions at times during their tenure.
- Said he is looking forward to a lot of economic development activity.

Councilmember Jack:

- Said Georgia Drager needed to sign the lease and get insurance for the Cat Shelter. The Council has to protect the community and tax payers.

City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council the annual Sunshine Law training for Council, Boards and Commissions will be held December 7, 2017.

Utility Director Johnson:

- Noted the City website now has a link to a home energy site that will be helpful to customers.

Mayor Breckenridge:

- Stated she doesn't believe everyone has to think the same way, but added it is not healthy to work off of emotions. Words can be hard to take back.
- Told Terry Rumery, Consultant, her vote against the EDOC agreement was a statement that things need to be fixed. Mayor Breckenridge said she looks forward to more businesses locating in Cameron.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk