CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2018

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
John R. Feighert	P
L. Corey Sloan	P
Becky Curtis	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 16th day of April 2018, 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, L. Corey Sloan and Becky Curtis. Absent: none.

Present were City Manager Mark Gaugh, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

Minutes of the April 2, 2018 Regular Council Session and April 9, 2018 Special Session were approved with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Proclamation ~ Municipal Clerk's Week: Mayor Breckenridge read a proclamation honoring Municipal Clerk's and declaring May 6 through May 12, 2018 as Municipal Clerk's Week in the City of Cameron.

Proclamation ~ Arbor Day: Mayor Breckenridge read a proclamation designating April 30, 2018 as Arbor Day in the City of Cameron. In celebration of Arbor Day, the Kindergarten Class at Parkview will plant a Bald Cypress tree in Recreation Park.

James McKinley, whose business is located at 121 West Third Street, advised Council that Cameron has good employees and good citizens but Code Enforcement is not good. Mr. McKinley stated he has been targeted and lied to by Codes and the City Manager. Mr. McKinley advised he owns forty properties in town and wants to see codes enforced fairly. Concern was also expressed about the necessity of Bill 2018-20 on the agenda regarding parking on all-weather surfaces.

Roger Durant, 1307 DeKalb Drive, also expressed his dissatisfaction with code enforcement and relayed that in the past, he was billed by the City for mowing at a property that

he did not own and the property was eventually liened. Mr. Durant stated that out of town property owners don't get billed or liened because City staff cannot locate them.

Jimmy McKinley, 121 West Third Street, stated that code enforcement is dishonest because certain people receive violations and other violators do not. Mr. McKinley expressed that the law is not being applied equally and there is discrimination.

Susie Budgett, 1102 East Fourth St, advised Council she owns multiple vehicles and a camper and has had issues parking them legally on her property. Ms. Budgett stated she does not understand why the City has a law regarding parking on gravel, it is her property and she should be able to park on it if she chooses.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Animal Shelter: Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert at 6:17 p.m. to enter into a public hearing to discuss a new Animal Shelter. Motion passed by roll call vote; "Aye"; Councilmembers Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis; "Nay": none.

Dr. Nada Woodworth, 1009 Timberline Drive, began by advising Council that a non-profit organization 'Friends of the Cameron Animal Shelter' has been created to raise awareness and funds for a new animal shelter. Dr. Woodworth distributed documents to Council from the Bacon Group which explained some of the reasons why animal shelters are expensive, averaging $300-$350 per square foot. What the working group has proposed is much less than the average. A brief history of the shelter process was given both before and since the working group became involved. The current plan proposed by the working group is well over $600,000, an architect must be used and they have suggested methods to lower costs such as radiant floor heat, bringing the cost to $604,071 or $251.78 per square foot. The working group discussed and dismissed other types of structures such as wood frame, metal frame, existing structures and pre-cast buildings. The working group checked on available grants but most were only for 501(c)3 organizations and for amounts of $5,000 or less. There is a larger grant opportunity which offers $50,000 to $250,000 but that grant is not currently 'open.'

Councilmember Sloan inquired if the working group only looked at cost solutions or if they also looked at revenue. Dr. Woodworth replied only cost. Councilmember Sloan inquired how many shelters were visited. Dr. Woodworth answered none. Councilmember Sloan asked Dr. Woodworth what the working group was tasked with doing. Dr. Woodworth replied that they were to get the best solution with the existing plans. Councilmember Sloan responded that he never said they had to use existing plans.

Mayor Breckenridge informed City Manager Gaugh that Council intended the working group as well as Council to visit shelters. City Manager Gaugh replied that no one wanted to go. Mayor Breckenridge advised they were never asked.

Dr. Mark Carr advised Council that he believed the working group was tasked to cut costs, not find funding. The group obtained bids and met outside of City Hall. Dr. Carr feels the scope of their task was overstated.

Councilmember Sloan reiterated his directive that the working group find the best solution possible and wanted to know who changed the scope. That person needs to be held accountable. Dr. Carr replied that the scope of the task changed and evolved as the group began to ask questions.

Sue Manion, 602 Lana Drive, advised Council that in 2015, Building Inspector Tim Hamilton solicited bids for an animal shelter which came in at $250,000. However, Mr. Hamilton forgot to include prevailing wage then later had to add that the plans must be engineered. The costs increased dramatically. Safehaven and Sue personally have spent thousands of dollars on animals in this community. The longer the City waits, the more the shelter will cost. Ms. Manion advised concrete went up $4 per yard just this week and the current pound only has four functional runs, we are going backward. Ms. Manion stated the community has spent their money on the City's animals and now it is time for the City to spend its money.

Councilmember Feighert advised Ms. Manion he appreciated her work and wanted to address comments made on social media. Ms. Manion stated that Councilmember Feighert had called her a liar and after a brief exchange, Ms. Manion left the Council Chamber.

Georgia Drager, 217 East Third, advised Council she has experience with shelters and has been involved with the working group on the backside because she didn't want her issues with the City to overshadow the work the group presented. Ms. Drager advised the City needs to educate the community and encourage volunteers for its animal programs. Ms. Drager stated the Excelsior Springs shelter uses this model of education and volunteers and it is awesome, it is improving the community and it could work for us. The City also needs to decide if they want to have a shelter open to the public or a closed shelter, this decision will affect the final cost. Ms. Drager also stated that before funding can be sought, you must have a plan and suggested the Mason Foundation which helps fund architectural plans.

Councilmember Curtis stated that the City made a decision regarding architects. Originally, the City just operated a pound then in 2009 a bill was passed changing the animal pound to a rescue facility. Ms. Drager responded that the City does not adopt dogs. Councilmember Curtis advised that the City adopts dogs through its Puppies for Parole program and also through Wayside Waifs. Ms. Drager advised that euthanasia rates are still high for cats.

Georgia Drager requested that Council consider: (1) revamping their shelter plans, (2) look into funding options, (3) consider a new plan, and (4) decide if the shelter will be open or closed. Ms. Drager informed Council she created an online petition for support of the new animal shelter to which she received approximately 261 signatures, mostly from residents within the city limits. Mayor Breckenridge thanked Georgia for the information especially the information regarding whether the shelter should be open or closed. Mayor Breckenridge also stated she would like to see the list of names on the petition.

Ms. Drager had available pictures of the existing shelter as well as potential drawings of a new shelter for anyone interested.

David Martin, who resides outside of Cameron, stated that he is a dog lover but disagreed with Georgia. Mr. Martin advised the existing shelter is in disrepair and previous Councils have fumbled the solution. Mr. Martin requested that Council take a pause to find out what the right solution is. Mr. Martin expressed his opinion that the City's animal program revert to being a pound and not a rescue facility and that based on his observations, the City doesn't have an animal problem. Mr. Martin explained the differences between pounds, rescues and no-kill shelters. Mr. Martin then expressed his liability concerns regarding adoptions by relaying media stories involving dogs that had been adopted out attacking citizens.

Katherine Wilson, 7333 NE Crouch Rd, advised that if you do good on a small scale, you can do good on a big scale. Ms. Wilson advised Council they need to do their research and determine a budget, the cost of the facility will be $250-$375 per square foot regardless. Ms.

Wilson felt that Council spending $30,000-$35,000 on architectural plans was wrong, the City could have purchased plans from another shelter that they liked instead. Cameron will grow and the shelter will need to keep up. The new shelter will provide opportunities for many good programs and community service could be utilized for some of the labor required.

Councilmember Sloan explained the concept of the public-private partnership and that it is a method for obtaining the best solution because it is driven by the citizens.

Councilmember Feighert advised that he asked for options and he hasn't seen any options besides those based on the existing architectural drawings.

Quinten Lovejoy, 807 Rosewood Drive, advised Council he was not solicited to be on the working group, he requested to be on the group. Mr. Lovejoy detailed the group's assignment but stated that the differing visions from City staff as well as group members has caused the group to lose focus. Mr. Lovejoy then presented a PowerPoint of the options he had researched. Information on pre-fab structures and metal buildings was presented. Potential options suggested by Mr. Lovejoy were: (1) to partner with other shelters, (2) use a YMCA model, (3) find out what statutes allow us to do, (4) find out what local organizations are willing to do, (5) look into the existing structure on Grand Ave, (6) explore pre-fab structures more thoroughly, (7) research modular buildings, and (8) investigate the possibility of double-decker runs. Mr. Lovejoy reiterated that the only option seriously vetted by the working group was saving money with the original plans. Mr. Lovejoy stated that he did not disagree with the working group's recommendation, he just felt that all the options were not addressed.

Heidi Sloan, 306 E Fourteenth Street, advised Council they have had long enough to consider the shelter and the time has come to get it done.

At 7:43 p.m., motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to leave the Public Hearing. Motion passed by roll call vote; "Aye"; Councilmembers Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis; "Nay": none.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Gaugh advised the eTruck owner will be in town this week to go over the building progress. The project is nearly complete and eTruck will be able to move into the building as soon as the parking area is graded.
2. Commercial and residential construction projects are picking up for the season. Several homes are being built and we have some commercial projects that are either continuing from last year or new. We expect this to be a busy season.
3. Terry Rumery provided an economic development report:
   - Project NWMO: Cameron is still on the prospect list. Mr. Rumery has met with the coordinator and the project is still alive. The company is going through reorganization and doing a lot of due diligence and automation. There is no time frame for a decision.
   - Project High Wire: This is a short-time project. Properties have been identified in the business park for their potential location. He will get with the State about potential incentives.
   - Project Auto: They were looking for a spec building. Cameron is no longer in the running as their focus has moved to the St. Louis area.

- Project Confidential: This is a potential retail property at US Highway 36 and Bob F Griffin Road. There will be a meeting later this month with the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rumery has requested they put up a sign at the location.
- VA: This group is still looking but not yet ready to move.
- Mr. Rumery has had many inquiries for retail and manufacturing opportunities. These types of prospects are difficult because they need between 60,000 - 120,000 of building square footage. Council asked Mr. Rumery about housing developments. Mr. Rumery advised that housing is getting more difficult because there is not as much funding for these projects as in the past. Mr. Rumery advised that he and City staff attended the Smart Port Annual Meeting (KCADC). There were over 500 people in attendance and four speakers. Labor is always a big factor in attracting business. There is a shortfall in the workforce for technology and automation. Mr. Rumery stated that educators and schools need to help develop these necessary workers.
- Council asked if the High Wire project will generate any sales tax. Mr. Rumery advised only a little if any and that would likely be abated. Council inquired what does the City need to provide to attract businesses. Mr. Rumery advised the most important thing was the Business Park. Now the infrastructure at the Business Park needs to be completed; the City needs to be positive and progressive and also provide some type of incentives. Mr. Rumery stated that the City is competitive and would like to meet and revisit this topic with Council. City Manager Gaugh advised something could probably be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- Councilmember Sloan stated that regarding workforce education, government subsidies that supported technology students fell away after the recession and have never recovered.
- Community Development Director Tim Wymes stated there have been a lot of interesting points this evening. The Codes Department does not target or play favorites in regard to enforcement. It is not possible to make everyone happy, the task is large and the staff is small. Developer Wymes relayed that the community also has a responsibility to the codes as well and said that he wants to live in a community without trash and debris and feels that his staff are the ones being targeted. Codes, Public Works and Utilities are having an Open House on April 25th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend. The City has codes for a reason, they are a hard task and staff will continue to enforce them equally.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2018-8, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB, AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI, IN SUPPORT OF THE DOLLAR TREE STORE PROJECT LOCATED AT 2202 N. WALNUT STREET, THE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN THE "CM-P" COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING PLANNED DISTRICT**, was Tabled at the March 5, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to remove Resolution 2018-8 from the agenda and postpone it indefinitely as it has been replaced with Bill 2018-18. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2018-13, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND ON SITE CORP (DUANE BAILEY) FOR LOT #3 LOCATED AT THE CAMERON MEMORIAL AIRPORT**, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-13 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-13 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-13 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6021**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2018-14, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR EMILY AND DEVIN WHITE AND SUSY SALCIDO ALLOWING A KENNEL TO RETAIN ONE ADDITIONAL DOG AT 314 EAST FORD STREET**, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-14 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-14 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-14 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6022**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2018-15, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AMELIA J. MACHETTA ALLOWING A KENNEL TO RETAIN TWO ADDITIONAL DOGS AT 316 S. HARRIS STREET**, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-15 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-15 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-15 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6023**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2018-16, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR DINA AND DREW LAMISON ALLOWING A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN AN "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AT 1205 EAST GRAND AVENUE, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-16 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-16 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-16 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6024**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2018-18, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE DOLLAR TREE STORE WITHIN A "CM-P" COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURING-PLANNED DISTRICT LOCATED AT 2202 N. WALNUT**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-18 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Wymes advised this went before Planning and Zoning on January 29, 2018 and was approved. The project had a small delay caused by a retaining wall but now staff is ready to move forward. Bill 2018-18 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2018-19, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB & CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CP EXCAVATING, FOR THE WEST PROSPECT STREETSCAPE PROJECT**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-19 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager advised this project will be funded by Streets and Streetscape funds. Steve Bell applied for the project which is in the area of Prospect and Mead Streets. The City received eight bids with CP Excavating submitting the low bid. The City has a good history with CP Excavating. They are a local company which saved significant costs for mobilization and TranSystems recommends that CP Excavating be awarded the contract. Bill 2018-19 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2018-20, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB, AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE IX, OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, SECTION 302.3, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-20 were available for the public. Bill 2018-20 FAILED for lack of motion to pass on first reading. Development Director Wymes advised the intent of this Bill was to provide clarification in the Property Maintenance Code. Council advised they will review

this and other codes as part of the Policies and Procedures Committee and will return their recommendations back to the full Council.

Resolution 2018-14, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI ADOPTING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH SHELLIE J. BLADES, CITY CLERK**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2018-14 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass Resolution 2018-14. Discussion. City Manager Gaugh advised Council that they had requested that staff and the City Attorney draft a contract for the City Clerk and bring it back for Council Approval. Resolution 2018-14 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-15, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED IN FAVOR OF WAYNE EVANS (907 WEST THIRD)**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2018-15 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass Resolution 2018-15. Discussion. Community Development Director Wymes advised Council that both this Resolution and Resolution 2018-16 stem from the City demolishing properties in residential neighborhoods then offering those properties up for bid. The property at 907 West Third Street was won by Wayne Evans and the property at 205 North Godfrey was won by Steve and Toni Grubbs. Both purchasers intend to build single family residences on the lots. Resolution 2018-15 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-16, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON, DeKALB AND CALDWELL COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED IN FAVOR OF STEVE AND TONI GRUBBS (205 NORTH GODFREY)**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2018-16 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2018-16. Discussion. None. Resolution 2018-16 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Certification of Delinquent Taxes and Approval of Personal Property Tax Abatements: City Clerk Blades explained that the certifications of delinquent taxes is an annual action required by state statute. The list of delinquent taxes represents the total amount of taxes owed for both real estate and personal for all years. The personal property tax abatement list includes taxes that are at least three years past due and have had no further activity since that time. On motion made by Councilmember Feighert and seconded by Councilmember Sloan, the delinquent tax certification and personal property tax abatements were approved as submitted by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

James McKinley, 121 W. Third, advised Council that the intention of the all-weather surface parking rules was based on surface rutting and dirt being pulled out into the City streets.

None of his properties have had this issue. Mr. McKinley further stated that the new Ordinance which was proposed solves a problem that doesn't exist.

Heidi Sloan, 306 E Fourteenth Street, commended Council for not passing the Bill which was presented tonight as well as for looking into updating codes that do need to be amended. Ms. Sloan further explained that some codes are useless as exampled that the City's right-of-way in her front yard extends clear up to her front porch.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk Blades advised staff that the City's former meter reader Rhonda (Ahart) Howe passed away recently and the funeral will be held on April 19th.

Councilmember Clark recalled that ten years ago there was much acrimony toward Council and it mostly stemmed from code enforcement and pets. At the time, the City had no funds to improve the animal shelter. The City is now able to have a discussion about animal shelter improvements. Councilmember Clark stated that he wants to live in a nice clean town but the City must have public support. If not, citizens will think City staff are bullies. There is no need to pick a fight over codes if it is not necessary. Councilmember Clark wants to come up with a plan for the shelter and move forward.

Councilmember Feighert thanked everyone in the gallery for coming. Codes and ordinances need to be followed and followed correctly. Codes need to be enforced equally or we need to get rid of them. Code violations can hurt the property values of the entire neighborhood. Councilmember Feighert stated he learned a lot of new information at the public hearing. The cost of the shelter is prohibitive and would like to look into paying it off incrementally.

Councilmember Sloan advised that codes are difficult and they are thankless. Overall, codes must be fair and professional. Agreed with Councilmember Clark that the community must support the codes and he and Councilmember Feighert are working on getting some of the needed updates ready for Council review. Would like to see additional training for code staff as well as body cameras. If problems continue with code staff, the City may look at bringing in external solutions to solve the problem. Councilmember Sloan stated that the perception of government overreach comes in part from being 'nitpicky' with the codes. Would like to see an ordinance at the first or second Council meeting in May to vote on moving forward with the Shelter project.

Councilmember Curtis agreed that the ordinances need to be updated and kept pertinent. Appreciated everyone who attended and the passion of the citizens involved. Advised she received minutes from animal shelter groups since 2009. After 2009, the subject didn't come up again until 2013. She wants to see this project move forward and done.

City Manager Gaugh relayed that the Cameron hosted the Northwest Regional Missouri Municipal League meeting last week at the YMCA and the turnout was very good.

Public Works Director Bontrager advised they will be planting a tree with the Kindergarten Class on April 30th. The upcoming class of 2020 was the first Kindergarten class to plant a tree and he is looking forward to when they are seniors and can see the growth both tree and students have made. Each year the classes are brought back to their trees for a group picture.

Community Development Director Wymes referred to Terry Rumery's economic development report and advised all those prospects look at the communities before making a decision where to locate. Trashy yards and gravel driveways create an impression on developers. Requested that Council look at the broader picture when reviewing the codes and reminded that codes are written to a bare minimum.

Utility Director Johnson updated Council that even with the recent precipitation, the reservoirs are only at about 50% when normally this time of year they would be full.

Mayor Breckenridge thanked everyone for attending. She advised that Cameron is experiencing some growing pains and that everyone must abide by the rules. People need places to park and sometimes their yard is the only option. We need to take pride in our community and give codes a chance. Knows of citizens leaving the community due to potholes and trash.

Motion was made at 8:54 p.m. by Councilmember Clark to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation ~ Attorney Client Privilege [RSMo 610.021(1)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Sloan. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened open session at 9:23 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk