CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
September 5, 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 Wednesday, the 5th day of September 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.

Present were Interim City Manager Zac Johnson, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and Administrative Assistant Amy McVicker.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Proclamation of Appreciation – Emergency Service Personnel (Janovec, McCloud, Hendrix, Jackson, Barker, Duffy, Spencer & Doornink). Mayor Breckenridge read a proclamation of Appreciation for those involved in the lifesaving measures of a subject at Pony Express Campground on August 18, 2018. The family was in attendance to express their appreciation for the personnel involved.

Proclamation of Appreciation – Emergency Service Personnel (Miller, Proctor, Rose, Poindexter, Cox, Spencer, Lowe & Colwell). Mayor Breckenridge read a proclamation of Appreciation for those involved in the lifesaving measures of a subject who collapsed while mowing his yard on May 3, 2018. The family was in attendance to express their appreciation for the personnel involved.

Dave Harris, 807 Kristen - Mr. Harris asked why City Manager Mark Gaugh was fired and what is the new direction of the Council. He expressed his frustration after speaking at length with Councilmember Curtis about this issue and getting no answer. Mayor Breckenridge expressed that the Council wants to see the City grow, work within budget and that water is the #1 priority. Mr. Harris would like to see the criteria for hiring a new City Manager and was informed that Council has contracted with a company to assist with the process and he could discuss the process with City Counselor Corcoran at a later date. Mr. Harris also inquired as to why Council wanted to stop the progress with infrastructure at the Industrial Park. Mayor

Breckenridge advised that there is money in the budget for infrastructure at the Industrial Park. Mr. Harris was told he was welcome to come back and speak at the next meeting.

Purple Heart City – Plaque Presentation: Ted Knox and Walt Schley presented the Mayor with a plaque declaring the City of Cameron as a Purple Heart City.

Julie Ausmus, 301 Golden Eagle Lane – Stated she is a member of the Concerned Citizens for Progress group. Asked if Council knows what their role is and said they need to stop micromanaging. The City Manager reports to Council and other employees report to the City Manager and the Manager hires and fires those employees. Controversy and turmoil can be solved if the Council will let the Manager run the daily business of the City.

Nada Woodworth, 10485 N.W. Oregon Drive – Asked why the budget is in deficit and how it happened. Asked what the term "smart growth" means as used by Council members. Inquired as to why no one is allowed to go fishing at the Industrial Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to move item (a) from the Consent Agenda to the beginning of New Business due to not all Councilmembers being present at those meetings and therefore unable to approve the Minutes. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

a. Motion to approve Minutes of August 20, 2018 Regular Session
b. Motion to reappoint Scotty Massey to the Board of Adjustment
c. Motion to reappoint Jack Briggs to the Industrial Development Authority

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass Consent Agenda items (b) and (c). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Johnson expressed his gratefulness that is has been raining.

Rain for Rent crews have been onsite installing pipe from Pony Express to Grindstone. We are currently struggling to locate a few remaining fittings necessary to complete the ring-lock section of pipe. We hope to have those fittings located and in place soon to allow pumping to commence in early September.

Burns and McDonnell is nearing completion of our Electric Rate Study. Staff will be working with them over the next month to finalize the report. There should be a presentation at an October meeting and new rates to potentially go into effect in January. Councilmember Feighert inquired as to whether each of the different rates were included in the study. All rates were included and Mr. Johnson would prefer to have small increases each year rather than a larger increase every couple of years.

Staff is continuing to work with DNR staff to complete all the necessary requirements to allow us to receive the grant money. This is not a typical project and requires additional work to ensure we meet all regulations and requirements.

City Staff has reached out to MoDOT regarding the poles being placed at I-35 and US 36. We have requested a meeting with them to discuss. Staff is also preparing a CDBG application for Orange St to address drainage issues. The application deadline is October 1st and there will be a resolution at our next meeting.

Councilmember Sloan inquired as to where the water goes when it goes over the spillway at Eagle Lake. He wanted to know if we just lose that water or is there a way we can capture it. Mr. Johnson said as far as he knows the possibility of capturing that water has not been explored. Councilmember Feighert added the idea of possibly pumping out of Eagle Lake into Grindstone when it is overflowing. He also mentioned that he was informed of a possible pipeline near Wallace State Park.

Councilmember Sloan also asked about the progress of the GNWWC as it pertains to obtaining easements from property owners for the pipeline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2018-35, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI BUDGET OF THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**, was read by title on third reading by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2018-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2018-35 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye" Councilmembers Breckenridge, Clark, Curtis, Feighert and Sloan. "Nay" None. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6044**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the Administrative Assistant.

Bill 2018-40, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL STEEL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORTY BY EIGHTY FOOT STRUCTURE TO SERVE AS THE NEW ANIMAL SHELTER**, was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2018-40 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Wymes provided printed layouts of the proposed building. He stated staff needs the building to be functional and needs a sally port to load and unload animals, isolation areas and storage for food. The building only includes necessary walls and no cages or runs. Once the proposal is put out for bid, final numbers can be provided. Consultant David Lee expressed the importance of making sure the City will have a finished product. Councilmembers discussed the increasing cost for a finished building and staff was told to proceed with the amount that was originally discussed. Bill 2018-40 passed on first reading only by a voice vote. Councilmember Feighert voting "Nay".

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes of the August 20, 2018 Council Session were approved by voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert. Councilmember Curtis and Sloan abstained.

Bill 2018-41, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ELLISON-AUXIER ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR DESIGN OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING EXPANSION** was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2018-41 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Fire Chief O'Donnell explained that the expansion to the Public Safety building will be for storage of equipment and is part of the Public Safety Tax already in place. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan 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 Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Curtis, Feighert and Sloan. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6045**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the Administrative Assistant.

Bill 2018-42, **AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING FOR PUBLIC USE CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS IN REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF GROAT STREET; AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AND HIS DESIGNEES TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING THE NECESSARY INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNSELOR TO INSTITUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS IF SUCH INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY CANNOT BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE THROUGH GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS,** was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2018-42 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Attorney Corcoran explained that this Ordinance is granting Counsel the right to obtain the necessary easements for the Groat Street Project through condemnation. Councilmember Feighert asked that staff negotiate with residents to avoid condemnation if at all possible. Staff assured that condemnation would only be used if completely necessary. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. Councilmember Feighert

asked City Attorney Corcoran if this bill should be done in more than one reading in order to give property owners the chance to come to the meeting. Attorney Corcoran said this should be done in one reading to get the letters sent to property owners quickly to give them time to respond. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Curtis, Feighert and Sloan. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6046**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the Administrative Assistant

Resolution 2018-32, **A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO SUPPORT THE MISSOURI MAIN STREET PROGRAM'S AFFILIATE GRANT APPLICATION, THE LETTER OF INTENT SHALL SERVE AS A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT WITH MISSOURI MAIN STREET CONNECTION IN THE CITY'S REVITALIZATION EFFORTS,** was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Resolution 2018-32 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2018-32. Discussion. Development Director Wymes explained this is a two-year agreement and will be a public/private partnership with 40% being the City commitment. The goal of the partnership is to improve the downtown business district. Councilmember Feighert asked about a requirement to hire a director for a minimum of 25 hours per week. Director Wymes will check into the details of who is responsible for this position. Councilmember Curtis stated that this project will take a lot of community support and involvement and wanted to know if our community will be able to provide that. Mayor Breckenridge said she appreciates the work Developer Wymes has put in to getting this going and supports the businesses in Cameron. Resolution 2018-32 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-33, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM,** was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Resolution 2018-33 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2018-33. Discussion. Interim Manager Johnson explained this is part of the process to secure the grant from the Department of Natural Resources for drought relief. Resolution 2018-33 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-34, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT THREE (3) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018,** was read by title by Administrative Assistant McVicker. Copies of said Resolution 2018-34 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass Resolution 2018-34. Discussion. Interim Manager Johnson stated that this is just for

housekeeping to clean up revenues and expenses that have occurred that were not expected. Resolution 2018-34 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dave Curtis, 737 S. Chestnut – Advised Council he had visited the Reservoirs and the soil was saturated and we are gaining water in the reservoirs. Stated we had three to four inches of rain since Saturday. Encouraged everyone to run for office and get involved and said if someone is in support of the dog pound then they should donate to it.

Dave Harris, 807 Kristen – Asked for clarification regarding the difference between public participation and being on the agenda under public participation. Stated that five minutes is not enough time. Said that the Council works for the public. No one wants to tear the community apart. Councilmember Feighert invited Mr. Harris to come speak with him at any time to discuss any issues he might have.

Doug Schmitz, 7484 SE Frost Rd – Expressed his displeasure with how Council treated a member of public participation. He would like to see Council give the residents respect in order to move forward.

Terry Rumery – Stated he will be gone at the next meeting so he gave his update at this meeting. Advised staff project High-Wire is moving ahead.

Project Confidential prospects were glad to hear the infrastructure to Bob F Griffin is still in the budget.

The hotel project at US Highway 36 and Bob F Griffin Rd is moving forward. This property will be cleaned up and mowed getting ready for a sign to be placed at the site. Representatives will meet with the Mayor in the near future and they are preparing to post a sign at the site announcing the development.

The VA project is still in the works and should be choosing a location soon.

Expressed his appreciation to those who attended the tour of downtown Chillicothe and encouraged the process of moving forward to have the partnership form a group to obtain 501C3 status to enable them to apply for available grants.

MISCELLANEOUS

Administrative Assistant McVicker expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to fill in for City Clerk Blades and stated she enjoyed the opportunity to do something outside the normal, daily job duties.

Councilmember Clark discussed the challenge the City has faced for several years due to revenues being flat. Stated the City needs to be aware that staff needs to be compensated competitively so the City can hire and retain good employees. He mentioned that the City has an aging infrastructure and Council needs to find a way to improve it or just wait and get by. The

cost of doing business will only go up. He urged the citizens to pay attention to how the Councilmembers vote and said he is glad to see so many faces at the meeting.

Councilmember Feighert thanked the Emergency Service Personnel and stated that they can never be paid enough for what they do. Thanked the Veterans and stated he is glad that Cameron is a Purple Heart City. Referenced the firing of the previous City Manager and how the same group of people were upset when that happened. Stated everyone needs to find a way to understand that people may look at things differently but can still get along. There are too many taxes, Cameron is one of the highest in the state. The City needs to focus on how to cut things and still get things done. We should work with what we have. Thanked the citizens for working hard to conserve water and thanked Interim Manager Johnson for his work on the water situation. He stated that we don't always have to accept the answers we are given, we can find alternatives. Told Nada Woodworth to meet up with him and he would be happy to answer her questions. Mentioned that there is an event at the Old School on September 29th that will include Music and a BBQ competition. He encouraged all to attend and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilmember Sloan thanked Chief O'Donnell for the information he presented to Council regarding the renovations to the Public Safety Building. He congratulated Dick Doornink for his 27 years of service with the Cameron Ambulance District. He encouraged everyone to run for Council in 2020 when his seat comes open. Expressed his appreciation for the AED units in each police vehicle and thanked Cameron Regional Medical Center (CRMC) for providing many of the units. Mentioned that he had also been involved in situations where the use of an AED machines had saved someone's life. He was happy to see that Chamber so full and he wants to see it full at every meeting to hear input from the public.

Councilmember Curtis thanked Interim Manager Johnson for his work with the drought situation. Inquired about the Crossroads Crush and was told it will not be happening this year. Referenced that Cameron is a Third Class City which means that the City Manager serves at the pleasure of the Council and can be removed at any time for any reason. Thanked everyone for coming and stated that her office is always open for anyone to speak with her.

Community Developer Wymes stated Cameron's Community Betterment projects will be judged on September 10th at City Hall from 10:30 am until 12:15 pm and invited citizens to attend to support the community. Stated that the body cams for his department have been ordered. Informed Council there is a Missouri Main Street Training in Cape Girardeau if any members are interested. He is also working on getting Cameron recognized as a "Work Ready Community". Stated that Citizenserve is up and running and they are able to easily track permits. There have been 176 permits issued this year and last year there were 129. Of this year's permits, there have been nine new homes, two commercial buildings and one duplex. Stated he is working on the Property Maintenance Code and updating the parking on grass ordinance as part of those updates. The projects submitted for this year are the Ruck between Rivers, DRGN Videos, Meals on Wheels, Boo Fest and the plastic bag project. Notified Council he will need a letter of intent and a Resolution at the next Council meeting for the Main Street project.

Mayor Breckenridge thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said that she appreciates the questions and concerns. Change is a process and we need to have smart growth to revitalize what we have in order to be able to grow. Stated the City needs to fix up downtown and market the Business Park. She doesn't ever want anyone to be embarrassed of our town. Expressed that people may not always agree with her and that is okay, but she was elected to do a job so give the Council a chance to do what they were elected to do. Stated that Council is not micromanaging. The intent is never to hurt anyone. The Council runs a professional meeting and they have a good voting record of doing what is best for our town.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Feighert, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk