# CITY OF CAMERON
# MINUTES
# March 18, 2019

## REGULAR SESSION

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| 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 18th day of March 2019, 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 Steve Rasmussen, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2019 Regular Session

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen met with Andrew Dannar of North Star Housing and they conducted a site visit for the housing development. The project is moving forward and they are asking for property tax abatements which will affect both the City and the School District.

City Manager Rasmussen was contacted by Michelle Puckett regarding her TIF District and the annual reporting requirements. Mr. Rasmussen will research all the current TIF Districts and bring that information back to Council.

Regarding the Head Start Project, a demolition permit has been issued for the interior of the old hospital building. Staff is working with the architect on issues with the building and storm water plans and these were submitted to and approved by our 3rd party vendor. The next step is for the plans to go to Planning and Zoning for review and approval within the next 30 days.

Zac Johnson attended the quarterly MPUA board meeting in Columbia last week of which he is the Chairman. Regulatory reports, operations, legislative issues and finances were discussed. Discussions were also held on mutual aid agreements for water and waste water.

Mayor Breckenridge informed staff there is a broken utility pole at Dodge and Chestnut that looks like it is about to snap. Utility Director Johnson responded that the pole belongs to CenturyLink and we have contacted them numerous times to remedy the problem.

Councilmember Feighert suggested adding the TIF process to the website.

## EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

City Manager Rasmussen stated Terry Rumery was unable to attend tonight so he would give an update. There was and EDOC meeting held last Thursday, March 14th at the ReMax building. Community Developer Wymes is working on the Main Street Program and City Manager Rasmussen will assist with moving the project forward and establishing a Board. Mike Russell presented the 2019 goals for EDOC and those will be distributed to Council at a later date.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Audit Presentation* – Michael Williams, Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLP – The City of Cameron's 2017-2018 Audit Report/Financial Statement was discussed in detail. Over all it was the opinion of the auditors that the City's financial position has been fairly reported and they gave a 'clean opinion.' There was a net financial improvement in 2018 when compared to 2017. Mr. Williams noted five management comments, three comments were carried over from the previous audit and two comments were new. Mayor Breckenridge stated that she appreciated all the work that went into preparing the audit and also valued the staff's written responses to those comments.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2019-10, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON ACCOUNTING STAFF TO WRITE-OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE UTILITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-10 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Feighert to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Utility Director Johnson explained the process for determining and writing off the uncollectible utility accounts. We have used collection agencies in the past but with limited success. The cold weather rules and shut-off policies were explained. Some of the customers listed to be written off are deceased and those monies will never be collected and should, therefore, not be listed as assets for the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis 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 Feighert said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and 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 6065**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-11, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 6-115, DRINKING IN PUBLIC ALLOWED OF ARTICLE V, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-11 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk Blades advised Council this Ordinance seeks to remedy the issues with the public drinking portion of the code to change it from being event specific to being more general and allowing Council the flexibility to grant requests for special events. Bill 2019-11 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-5**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 241 OF MISSOURI'S 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-5 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-5. Discussion. City Clerk Blades explained that she was contacted by local resident James Martin who requested the City support this Bill for the purpose of granting additional employment opportunities for the deaf and hearing impaired by removing obstacles for obtaining a CDL license. City Manager Rasmussen explained that deaf and hearing impaired drivers must still have a licensed CDL driver in the cab with them when they are driving. Resolution 2019-5 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-6, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO DESTROY CERTAIN RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE RETENTION SCHEDULES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-6 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-6. Discussion. City Clerk Blades explained this is a housekeeping Resolution to destroy records that have met their retention limits as set forth by the Secretary of State's Office. Resolution 2019-6 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

James Martin, Cameron, MO – (via sign language interpreter) Inquired of Council if they had any questions regarding House Bill 241. Mr. Martin thanked Council for passage of the Resolution of support.

## MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council the Adult Education and Literacy have increased their enrollment to ten students. Announced she will be out of the office on vacation from March 27th through the 29th. Informed Council and the public there will be a meeting at the Railroad Depot

Museum at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 26 with the Cemetery Board and the Historical Society to view a presentation on cemetery restoration and 'adopt-a-stone' programs. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Encouraged everyone to vote on April 2nd. There will be a Special Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8th after the General Election to declare the election results, swear in the elected Councilmember and elect the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.

Developer Wymes reminded Council and the public that there will be an Open House on Thursday, March 21. The Meet and Greet with the new City Manager will begin at 4:30 and the Open House with the staff Directors will begin at 5:30. Councilmember Sloan asked Developer Wymes that all Directors be involved, including Police and Fire. Light refreshments will be provided.

## MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Feighert stated he attended the library dedication at the Veteran's Home earlier today and it was a very touching ceremony and wonderful event. He added that the Cameron Veteran's Home is a beautiful place and thanked City Clerk Blades for the proclamation. Asked citizens to remember board members and invited them to attend board meetings, they are a great opportunity to learn about the process. The St. Patrick's Day Parade was very nice. Urged everyone to get out and vote, it's your right. Asked that staff keep the local school kids in mind for possible projects on our website.

Councilmember Sloan noted he did not have an audit in his packet.

Councilmember Curtis also stated her gratitude for the library dedication at the Veteran's Home and added that Cameron's Veteran's Home is the only one in the nation with a military library. Councilmember Curtis spoke about WWII Veteran Mr. Pollard and his long-time neighbors the Greenbergs, who were concentration camp survivors, as their story and support was the catalyst for the Military and Remembrance Library. The library has great information for students and commented that Cameron has excellent volunteers. Councilmember Curtis echoed Councilmember Feighert's suggestion to attend board meetings and to thank those board volunteers for the excellent work they do.

Mayor Breckenridge also noted that the Veteran's Home library dedication was a beautiful ceremony and thanked City Clerk Blades for the proclamation. The community is truly blessed to have the Veteran's Home and there is a possibility the event may become part of a documentary. Invited the public to attend the 'Meet the Candidate' event being held tomorrow, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. Questions for the candidates can be submitted from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. prior to the event.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk