CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
April 15, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
L. Corey Sloan	P
Becky Curtis	P
Julie Ausmus	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 15th day of April 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, L. Corey Sloan, Becky Curtis and Julie Ausmus. Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Arbor Day Proclamation – Public Works Director Bontrager explained this is an annual proclamation the City presents as part of its 'Tree City USA' classification. The City will be celebrating Arbor Day on April 26th at 9:00 am with the Kindergarten class planting a donated Shumard oak tree. Classes through fifth grade are brought back annually to visit their class tree. Also, the graduating class will have a picture taken with the tree they planted as Kindergarteners to memorialize the growth of each. The Cameron Newspaper assists by being on site to take photographs of the event.

Aerobatic Box – Lee Crouch: Lee Crouch requested authorization from Council to create an aerobatic box at the Cameron Memorial Airport. Mr. Crouch explained this is a defined airspace for performers to practice. He needs authorization for the Mayor or City Manager and came to Council to explain the process and make sure there were no objections. The aerobatic box airspace is regulated by the FAA. Mayor Breckenridge inquired about the time when the aerobatic box will be utilized. Mr. Crouch responded during daylight hours. Mr. Crouch advised that pilots make a request to either him or the airport manager to utilize the aerobatic box and he estimated it may be used five or six times per year. Councilmember Curtis inquired about the purpose for the aerobatic box. Mr. Crouch responded it is for performers who are practicing for air shows. The Cameron airport is a good location because it is a small, quiet airspace. The aerobatic box is not advertised, pilots must seek them out. If Council has no objections, Mr. Crouch will prepare a letter of authorization for the City Manager to execute.

Scott England, President Missouri National Guard Foundation (MONGF) – Mr. England stated he came to Council tonight to clear up any misinformation regarding the senior patio homes project. Mr. England stated the MONGF is a 501c3 organization and he gave a brief history of the organization and their projects. Mr. England explained the term 'veteran's preference' for their projects and briefly explained the points system for residents to qualify for housing. Currently, their Poplar Bluff project which focused on veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse, not seniors, is 100% occupied by veterans or veteran family members. Councilmember Sloan inquired if the MONGF is connected with the Veteran's Commission and Mr. England responded no. Councilmember Sloan also inquired if the opposition the MONGF experienced in Poplar Bluff was mostly from landlords and Mr. England responded in the affirmative.

Jim McKinley, 121 W. Third – Mr. McKinley passed out handouts for Council regarding the Senior Patio Homes project. Mr. McKinley stated that if what Mr. England says is true, then he is for the project. If, however, what he says is not true, then he is opposed to a 25 year tax abatement for the project. Mr. McKinley urged Council to make sure the agreement for the project says what it needs to.

Roger Foreman, Veteran's Home Assistance League – Mr. Foreman stated that the Veteran's Home has received no communication about this project. He will support it if it is what they say it is but has deep concerns if it is not.

John Feighert, 202 Golden Eagle Lane – Mr. Feighert directed his questions to Councilmember Sloan since he was instrumental in the project's development. Mr. Feighert stated that someone had approached him and stated they had been lied to about the project. Mr. Feighert inquired if this project is associated with the Veteran's Administration (VA). Councilmember Sloan responded no, that Cary Lamm Clark had approached him and got him on board with the project and that he had researched the MONGF through both state and federal avenues. Mr. Feighert asked if anyone was told it was a project with the VA. Councilmember Sloan stated no, it was a veteran's preference project. Mr. Feighert inquired how MONGF is involved and Councilmember Sloan explained that a typical business cannot apply for tax credits, it has to be an organization like the MONGF. Mr. Feighert asked what money will come to Cameron because of this project. Councilmember Sloan stated this is a $4.2 million construction project. Mr. Feighert inquired why tax credits are needed and Councilmember Sloan stated the incentives are needed to fill the funding gaps. Councilmember Feighert asked why 25 years of abatements are needed and Councilmember Sloan responded he did not know. Mr. Feighert asked about the term 'veteran's preference' and Councilmember Sloan responded there would be full details available at the special meeting on April 22, 2019. In closing, Mr. Feighert urged the City Manager and Counselor to make a good contract.

Troy Green, 408 S. Mead – Mr. Green stated he just found out about this project and said it is awesome if it is what they say it is. Informed Council that specific language is needed on the vetting process and point system for occupants. Mr. Green is concerned it could become another low income housing project without any veteran occupants. Inquired if veterans will be given preference as employees, managers and maintenance staff. If there is a board, veterans should be on it. Requested an informational article in the newspaper.

Lisa McGhee, Administrator, Cameron Veteran's Home – Ms. McGhee stated she is all for services for veterans. A little communication, however, would have been nice. The Veteran's Home staff are being bombarded with questions and they haven't been in the loop. Ms. McGhee hopes to have more communication as the project moves forward since there is no one locally to answer questions. Councilmember Sloan agreed that communication has been lacking and that Council had been under the impression that it was occurring.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to remove the April 8th Minutes from the Consent Agenda as he was not present at that meeting and thus unable to approve the Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2019 Regular Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen stated with the Main Street Board being established on tonight's agenda, he and Community Developer Wymes will arrange for the first meeting of that board in the near future to draft bylaws.

Senator Blunt will be visiting NW Electric tomorrow (April 16th) at 1:15 p.m. to discuss the rural broadband initiative. Mr. Rasmussen, Mayor Breckenridge, Utility Director Johnson and City Clerk Blades will be in attendance.

Advised Council that the March financial report was in the packets and pointed out that there is a new column on the report which shows the percent of the budget used so far. This provides a quick snap-shot of where we are in the budget year.

City Manager Rasmussen and Community Developer Wymes are working to develop a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. Volunteers are needed for this committee. Councilmember Curtis inquired if someone comes to the front counter of City Hall and asks about this will staff be able to assist them. Staff responded they will be directed to either the City Manager or the Community Developer.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

Project Hi-Wire is currently waiting on re-zoning of land in Clinton County for their project. The property is not in the city limits but it is still close. The site for the hotel project at US 36 and I-35 is being monitored for ecological problems and this will continue for approximately six to nine months. The development will not move forward until this process is completed. The veteran's clinic has been looking for a new site since 2017. They have finally located a site but are waiting on contracts to be issued from the Veterans Administration before they make an announcement and move forward. The hotel/motel tax issue is currently on hold

until the City Manager and Mr. Rumery have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with effected business owners. EDOC is planning a strategic meeting on Saturday, April 27th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 on third reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-11 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on third reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-11 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6069**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

6:44 p.m. Mayor Breckenridge recused herself citing a conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

Bill 2019-14, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI APPOINTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MISSOURI MAIN STREET CONNECTION ORGANIZATION WHICH SHALL BE CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EFFORTS TO PROMOTE GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-14 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-14 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-14 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Mayor Breckenridge abstained. Mayor Pro-Tem Curtis thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6070**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem and attested by the City Clerk.

6:46 p.m. Mayor Breckenridge returned to the Council Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Special Session were approved by voice vote, four "Ayes," zero "Nays" and one abstention.

Certification of Delinquent Taxes and Approval of Personal Property Tax Abatement – City Clerk Blades explained the certification of delinquent taxes is an annual process mandated by state statute. The abatement of personal property taxes is similar to the bad-debt write-off for utility accounts that was done earlier this month. The tax accounts being abated have been inactive

for at least three years meaning there have been no additional assessments on those accounts since 2015. The City has leverage to compel payment of real estate taxes with the annual tax sale, however, there is currently no such avenue for personal property taxes. City staff requires that taxes are paid before other City licenses and permits are issued but those events are not far reaching enough to compel most delinquent account holders. The county personal property taxes must be paid for citizens to license their vehicles. The City issued vehicle city stickers in the past which assisted with the collection of personal property taxes, however, that practice was abandoned in 1995. Councilmember Curtis requested staff look into mechanisms to get these taxes paid. Councilmember Sloan cautioned anyone reviewing the delinquent or abatement lists that many people have identical names even in communities the size of Cameron. On motion made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Clark the delinquent taxes and tax abatement list was approved. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6:55 p.m. Councilmember Clark recused himself citing a conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

Bill 2019-16, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL BAND** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-16 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Rasmussen advised he met with Band Manager Dave Goodwin regarding the annual band contract. This year's contract will be for $106,000 the same as last year. The contract will include the summer concert series plus four additional concerts to be announced at a later date. Mayor Breckenridge recognized that Cameron has one of the few bands in the nation funded by a tax. Bill 2019-16 passed on first reading only by voice vote.

6:56 p.m. Councilmember Clark returned to the Council Chamber.

Bill 2019-17, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE CAMERON AQUATIC FACILITY BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI; THE CAMERON PARK BOARD; AND CAMERON REGIONAL YMCA** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-17 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager advised this is the 15th season for the YMCA to manage the swimming pool and concession stands. The pool will open Memorial Day weekend and then will begin daily operations on June 1 due to the extended school year and continue through August 11th. The Park Board has agreed to pay the YMCA $21,000 for this year's agreement which is an increase over last year. Pool admission fees will not increase this year. Staff reached out to other pool management companies for bids, specifically USA Pools. The Park Board had a good discussion regarding service, maintenance and expectations for the pool lease. In response, this year's lease contains additional detail to address those matters. Mr. Bontrager expressed his confidence in the YMCA and stated the Park Board recommended entering into an agreement with them again this year. Public Works Director Bontrager explained that normally there is an end of season report to the Park Board regarding the pool operations in the fall, however, due to weather and other

scheduling conflicts that report was not delivered until February of this year. Councilmember Curtis inquired what swayed the vote of the Park Board toward the YMCA. Public Works Director Bontrager hesitated to guess at the motives of members of the Board. City Manager Rasmussen stated it appeared the vote came down to maintenance issues. Motion carried with four "Aye" votes and one "Nay" vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried with four "Aye" votes and one "Nay" vote.

On motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" Councilmember Sloan. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6071**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades reminded Council of the Special Meeting to be held next Monday, April 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm for the North Star/Veterans Senior Patio Homes incentives. ***The time of this meeting was later changed to 6:00 pm***. Advised Council and staff of the NW Regional MML Meeting to be held in Maryville on Thursday, May 9th. Also relayed that Ken Raffety has stated that he is no longer able to serve on the TIF Commission so that board is once again looking to fill a vacancy.

City Manager Rasmussen reiterated the Special Meeting to be held on Monday, April 22nd will be at 5:00 p.m. ***The time of this meeting was later changed to 6:00 pm***.

Public Works Director Bontrager advised Council the Street Department has a new employee Chris Gitthens. Due to road work on Harris Street, it will be closed between Eighth Street and Grand Avenue until Friday, April 19th. MoDOT is reviewing the City's TEAP Grant application so hopefully there will be a decision made soon.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark thanked the City Manager, Public Works Director Bontrager and staff for the hot patch machine, it has been out working and getting a lot accomplished. Proposed to Council two items for a potential one-year trial. First, regarding communication breakdown and transparency, Mr. Clark suggested written questions possibly being submitted by citizens to Council to which they could answer during the meeting and post to the City's website. Second, regarding opportunities for economic development, Councilmember Clark suggested the City's website be a clearing house for activities for a 15-mile radius. Many people who attend events near Cameron end up shopping, staying and eating here so it would serve everyone involved.

Councilmember Curtis notified the Chamber that we lost a well-known veteran today. Prayers and condolences to Ray Diven's family were expressed.

Councilmember Sloan congratulated Julie Ausmus on the election since he was absent at the last meeting. Regarding Councilmember Clark's suggestions, he will leave it to staff to research and respond. City Manager Rasmussen stated he will discuss the recommendations and circle back.

Mayor Breckenridge thanked Carmen Weigand for adding the percent of budget column to the monthly financial report. A letter which the Mayor received from juvenile Elona Crow of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania was read out loud. Ms. Crow had selected Cameron, Missouri by throwing chalk at a map for a social studies project and was requesting information about Cameron, a response from the Mayor and whatever items could be returned to her about Cameron regarding this project. The Mayor invited anyone who had anything to provide to Ms. Crow could drop it off at City Hall and staff would include it in the response/package the City will be sending back.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk