CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
May 6, 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 6th day of May 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

Youth Leadership Group – Community Developer Wymes informed Council that the City participates in Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) and that recently an opportunity arose to send area youths to MCB's Civic Leadership Summit. Developer Wymes introduced Catherine Mulchahy, Abby Musser, Chesha Anderson, Leeya Hughes, Levi Anderson and Kian Musser the youths who participated along with their adult chaperones Benjamin Anderson and Mathew Musser. The group expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Summit at the Lake of the Ozarks and stated they learned about teamwork, problem solving and many other skills. The group explained that they returned from the Summit with the intent of creating a start-up foundry for businesses in the City of Cameron. A thank-you card was given to Council as well as a handout detailing the groups plan for a start-up foundry.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to remove item (b) from the Consent Agenda as Councilmember Clark was not present at that meeting and thus unable to approve the Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Regular Session
~~b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Special Session~~
c. Motion to approve **Resolution 2019-9**, *A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF RECORDS DESTROYED* (attached)
d. Motion to reappoint Jennifer Helmich, Jason Jones and Richard Whalen to the Cameron Park Board
e. Motion to appoint Matt Arndt to fill the term vacated by Ruth Sears on the Cameron Park Board
f. Motion to reappoint Mark Garges to the Planning & Zoning Commission (Tim)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen advised Council that City staff including Community Developer Wymes, Animal Control Officer Turner and former employee/Councilmember David Lee have met with Sara (formerly with River Bluff Architects) and they are working to bring a proposal to Council at the first meeting in June regarding the animal facility. The hope is to get Council approval to move forward in producing bid-ready plans for the facility to include in-kind contributions, work release efforts, public donations and City funds.

At Council's request, staff has been researching methods to recoup delinquent personal and real estate taxes. Options researched include the 'city sticker' process, denial of utility services and having the counties collect the taxes for the City. A workable solution will be presented in the near future.

Now that the new Council Committee assignments have been set for the current year, City Manager Rasmussen has assigned staff liaisons to each committee. These committees will be meeting regularly to discuss projects and concerns within their areas of responsibility.

Budget worksheets will soon be distributed to staff for the upcoming budget cycle. The budget/finance committee will commence meeting about the budget in early July.

City Manager Rasmussen has met with Public Works Director Bontrager to review the Parks Master Plan. Many of the items identified in that plan are currently underway.

The Business Park Master Plan will be presented to Council at the second meeting in June for Council review and approval.

City Manager Rasmussen and Community Developer Wymes attended a meeting of the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) last week. There were a lot of people representing entities in the Kansas City area and all are trying to get a bite out of the same pie. It was emphasized that communities need to have their own resources for economic development.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

Mr. Rumery advised that EDOC has been a member of KCADC for many years and the organization has been voted by its peers as the #1 economic development group in the United States. KCADC is responsible for sending many of Cameron's prospective business leads to us. Mr. Rumery discussed how some projects are furthered and others are eliminated. The Business Park has a long way to go but Council's approval of the infrastructure engineering last year was a great step in the right direction. City Manager Rasmussen stated that many cities are reluctant to

offer incentives but he pointed out that all cities have some type of incentives and to offer nothing is to not compete. Mr. Rumery pointed out that landing a major business is rare and that often times a city will get a better return on investment by assisting the expansion of local, established businesses. City Manager Rasmussen relayed that public safety, infrastructure and economic development are the City's biggest priorities.

Councilmember Sloan inquired about the Orange Street Project and what budget year that will occur. Public Works Director Bontrager replied he hopes to start in March 2020.

Councilmember Clark inquired about some of the committee assignments and Mayor Breckenridge responded they have had conversations about them and due to Councilmembers Sloan's schedule, Councilmember Ausmus may be moved to the Public Works Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:21 p.m. – Councilmember Clark recused himself citing a conflict of interest.

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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-16 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-16 passed on second reading with a voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-16 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Councilmember Clark abstained. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6075**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

6:22 p.m. – Councilmember Clark returned to the Council Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Special Session were approved by voice vote, four "Ayes," no "Nays" and one abstention.

Bill 2019-21, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AND CMG GRAVE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CEMETERY INTERMENTS AT THE FIVE CITY CEMETERIES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-21 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained the City began contracting for interment services in 2002. Prior to that time, City crews did all the openings and closings at the cemeteries. CMG Graveservice has had the bid for interments every year since 2002. The contract is for two years and this year CMG Graveservice was the only bidder. The Cemetery Board met and reviewed the bid and recommends approval. There was no fee increases with this year's bid

however there are two new charges for interments on holidays and inurnments on holidays. Bill 2019-21 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-7, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A DEMOLITION CERTIFICATION, RELEASE, AND AGREEMENT WITH MARLENE CAMPBELL FOR A DANGEROUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 330 HIGH STREET** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-7 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-7. Discussion. Building Inspector Beckwith explained this property as well as the next Resolution are part of the 100% demolition program. In exchange for the City funding the demolition of the structures, the property owners give the property to the City and we offer the properties for sale. Single family homes will be built on the properties within two years. Councilmember Clark recognized this as an excellent program which should definitely continue. Councilmember Sloan echoed those comments and commended Building Inspector Beckwith for his hard work. Resolution 2019-7 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-8, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A DEMOLITION CERTIFICATION, RELEASE, AND AGREEMENT WITH TRENT AND STEPHANIE HUGHES FOR A DANGEROUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 615 EAST SEVENTH STREET** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-8 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2019-8. Discussion. None. Resolution 2019-8 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-10, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO DECLARE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TO ACCEPT SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-10 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-10. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained this property was a pocket park next to the former hospital location. The hospital has since moved locations and the Soccer Complex is only a block away making this location obsolete. The gazebo at the location will be refurbished and moved to the dog park where there is currently no shaded area. A plaque honoring Marge McDonald who originally developed the pocket park will be placed at the gazebo's new location. The property was appraised at $15,000 and the City will set it out for bids with this amount as the minimum. Councilmember Clark inquired if the funds generated will go back to the Parks and Director Bontrager stated yes, the money remaining after expenses will be returned to the Park funds. Resolution 2019-10 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Mark Garges, 315 Oak – Advised Marge McDonald was a long-time neighbor of his and she would appreciate the City's efforts to refurbish and recycle the gazebo to the Dog Park. Stated

he was unable to attend the Special Session on April 22 but wanted Council to know he contacted the North Star Housing development in Poplar Bluff. That project was their flag ship project and has 48 units. When he contacted them there were 10 vacancies and not all the units were occupied by veterans. He stated the only vetting process was that renters claimed to be a veteran or family member of a veteran, no proof is required. The Cameron project is a smaller scale, only 34 units and the developer stated there would be three full-time managers. The larger Poplar Bluff project only has one full-time manager. Councilmember Sloan inquired who Mr. Garges contacted in Poplar Bluff. Mr. Garges did not remember the name but stated it was the property manager.

Youth Leadership Group – Thanked Council again for the opportunity and requested feedback or suggestions from Council.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council that she will be out of the office on vacation from May 16th through the 20th and plans to be back for the regular meeting on the 20th barring any travel dilemmas. Stated a large box of Cameron items was returned to Ms. Elena Crow along with a letter from the Mayor in response to her request. We hope to hear a follow up message from Ms. Crow. There will be a blood drive at the 1st Christian Church on May 17th from noon until 6:00 pm.

City Manager Rasmussen stated it is a great day to be in government and it's a great day in the City of Cameron.

Public Works Director Bontrager relayed to Council that the City received the grant for a traffic study in the area of Fourth to Eighth Street and West Street to Harris. Two intersections were identified as needing attention as well as brush and trees to be removed. The intersection issues will be addressed with signage.

Community Developer Wymes detailed a list of current and upcoming projects in Cameron: Public Safety Building Expansion project, new commercial construction at Walnut and Grand Avenue, Head Start project at the old hospital building, new homes in Weston Estates, moving forward on the Animal Facility project, working with Department of Corrections for in-kind work on the Animal Facility, and the Walk-n-Wag event (with the Cameron FFA) last weekend was a big success as well as the Aces Fore Aiden Golf Tournament. On May 23, former Kansas City Royal player Greg Pryor will be at the Cameron Library for a book signing. The Cameron Memorial Celebration will take place on May 25 from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the Old School and Railroad Depot Museum which will include trolley rides, historical tours and a pie baking contest. Finally there will be a couple of conditional use permits coming to Council in the near future.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark stated that the events just detailed by Developer Wymes are great examples of items he'd like listed on the City's website/calendar for the purpose of the City being a 'clearing-house' for local events.

Councilmember Curtis thanked the youth group for coming to Council and relaying their experiences.

Councilmember Sloan relayed that Missouri Community Betterment is an excellent organization and thanked the youths who participated in the Leadership Summit and for coming to the Council Meeting and providing details of the event. Thanked staff for working on the Animal Facility and for bringing a proposal back for Council review. Inquired about the early warning signage on eastbound US Highway 36 as drivers approach the lights at I-35. Councilmember Sloan stated that he called and spoke to MoDOT about additional signage for the area due to his concerns about public safety. The MoDOT representative he spoke with replied that there would be additional signage measures installed but would not commit to a time frame.

Mayor Breckenridge relayed that she recently attended the 8th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in St. Joseph, MO and that it was a great event. She was seated near Pastor Darrell Jones who presented her with a Bible which had been made available to the event's attendees. Pastor Jones stated he was presenting it to Mayor Breckenridge because the City of Cameron needed it. Mayor Breckenridge was touched by the sentiment and in response requests that Cameron citizens pray for the City and the Council prior to meetings for a blessing that wise decisions be made.

There being no further business, on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk