CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
August 19, 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 19th day of August 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

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Regular Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen and Police Chief Bashor recognized Steve Smith and Bryson Janovec who have recently been promoted to Detective within the police department. Also recognized was Tena Christmas who was promoted from Dispatcher to Records Clerk.

Kruger Technologies was present last week to take soil samples of the two site locations being considered for the Animal Care Facility. Initial findings were positive for both sites being adequate for the project. Staff will compile a list of pros and cons and bring it back to Council for decision of the location for the facility.

The City's next regular meeting lands on Labor Day. We can either choose Tuesday the 3rd or Monday, September 9th. Several Councilmembers and staff, however, will be out of town

on September 9th for the Missouri Municipal League Conference. The consensus was to have the next meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Utility Director Johnson went over several of the questions which had been presented by Councilmember Sloan regarding the utility rate increase. Director Johnson spoke about the top five utility customers, the recent rate study conducted by Burns and McDonald, the utility usage at the prisons, and the continued use of the power plant at the prisons. The City's strategy for the loss of another large utility user was discussed and Director Johnson stated that the plan is to make the general fund less dependent on utility sales through economic development. Councilmember Sloan inquired about specific utility readings at the prisons and staff responded that we do not know what caused the usage changes. Councilmember Curtis observed that last year the prisons were asked to conserve water and by reviewing the readings, they had done so. Communications between the City and the prisons was discussed and Councilmember Sloan encouraged increased communication with the prisons from here forward. The agreement with Platte-Clay Electric was discussed as well as the City's wholesale rates which have increased 3.2% over the last five years. It was noted that the prisons pay the standard industrial rates for services, they do not receive a special rate. When asked if future utility rates may be decreased, staff responded that rates would be reviewed and if the wholesale rates decreased it may lead to our citizen's rates being decreased. The reserve funds and sale of business park lands would not solve this situation, to make the general fund independent of utility sales through economic development is the goal. Councilmember Clark added that maintenance of our utility systems must be considered. The rates we charge are meant to purchase power and maintain our infrastructure. Mayor Breckenridge relayed that the government dictates the standards the City must meet and it is not cheap. There are major upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Facility on the horizon. Councilmember Sloan stated that communication between the City and its businesses is essential going forward.

City Manager Rasmussen discussed the July financial report. The City is currently on track at 83% of the annual budget.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

City Manager Rasmussen advised that Mr. Rumery had a conflict this evening and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Rumery relayed two updates for City Manager Rasmussen to provide Council. First, the Community Improvement District at US 36 and Bob F Griffin Rd have voted on their sales tax. Their next step is to hold a meeting and set the tax amount. The second item is that the Main Street Board will be taking a tour of Chillicothe on September 4th at 5:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2019-37, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT WATER RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-37 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Councilmember Sloan stated we have done the community a disservice by not having open communications with businesses. Bill 2019-37 passed on second reading only by voice vote, four in favor, one opposed.

Bill 2019-38, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT ELECTRIC RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW ELECTRIC RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-37 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-38 passed on second reading only by voice vote, four in favor, one opposed.

Bill 2019-39, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT SEWER USE RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SEWER USE RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-39 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-39 passed on second reading only by voice vote, four in favor, one opposed.

Bill 2019-40, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI BUDGET OF THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-40 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-40 passed on second reading only by voice vote, four in favor, one opposed.

Bill 2019-41, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENTS LOCATED ALONG ASHLAND DRIVE** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-41 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-41 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-41 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 6094**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-42, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT PROPERTY LOCATED ON ASHLAND DRIVE AS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-42 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-42 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-42 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 6095**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-43, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON AND THE DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSION AND DEKALB COUNTY COLLECTOR FOR TAX COLLECTION SERVICES** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-43 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-43 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-43 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 6096**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-47, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO AWARD THE BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ANIMAL CARE FACILITY TO HERNER CONSTRUCTION, INC** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-47 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 2019-47 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-47 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 6097**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-48, **AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHALL IMPOSE A ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT (1/4%) SALES TAX ON THE RECEIPTS OF ALL RETAIL SALES WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON TO BE USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PURPOSES** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-48 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-48 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-48 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 6098**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Sales Tax Levy – Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to enter a public hearing for the annual tax levy. Motion passed by the following Roll Call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none.

City Clerk Blades explained the Ordinance on tonight's agenda is to set the annual tax levy. The Counties send their current year assessed valuations to the State who do calculations based on those figures and last year's taxes and the consumer price index and then return the tax levies to the taxing authorities. Last year, DeKalb County under reported the assessed valuations to the State which caused an increase in the annual levy. That error was corrected this year plus both Clinton and DeKalb Counties had significant additional assessed valuations for new construction and improvements. As a result this year's assessed valuations is just over five million dollars more than last year. The tax levy, as proposed by the State Auditor's Office, for the City of Cameron for 2019 is $0.6613 for General, $0.1636 for Parks, $0.1870 for Library and $0.0935 for Band. The total tax levy is $1.1054 which is an increase of $0.0093 over last year's levy.

There was no other public participation.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to exit the public hearing. Motion passed by the following Roll Call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none.

Bill 2019-49, **AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY TAXABLE IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2019, AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-49 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus 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 Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and 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 6099**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-50, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-50 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk Blades explained this is an annual requirement for the Missouri

Ethics Commission for elected and appointed officials to disclose their potential conflicts of interest. Bill 2019-50 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2019-51, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT No. 1 TO THE ORIGINAL STATE BLOCK AGREEMENT PROJECT No. 18-013A-1** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-51 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 explained that the City recently changed contractors for the airport hangar rehabilitation project. That project is funded by a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation and needs to be amended for the new contract which has a higher cost. Additional grant funds were available and the additional funds required for the City's cost-match were funded by the previous contractor's bid fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. City Manager Rasmussen advised Council that staff is requesting a full reading for this Bill in an attempt to try and keep the project on track for the current construction season since it has already had multiple delays. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and 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 6100**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Sue Manion, Packard Lane – Ms. Manion spoke in regard to the proposed utility rate increases. Ms. Manion feels it is a large increase and she is speaking for those who won't attend Council meetings and can't afford the increase. Stated that the rate increases are not a guarantee that the City will meet its budget. We need growth. Thanked the Council for their unity. Suggested that the proposed rate increases be cut in half before the final reading at the next meeting and then revisit the need.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council that the annual LAGERS Conference will be in October and the City needs a Council/Administrative representative as well as an employee representative. Ballots will be provided to employees with the next payroll and Council can check their calendars to see who is available. City Manager Rasmussen has expressed an interest in attending.

Community Developer Wymes informed Council the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) judges will be in Cameron on September 11th from 9:30 am until 11:45 am. Staff, Council

and public attendance is encouraged. The MCB Committee will be touring the City and will also recognize an outstanding local volunteer.

There will be a Main Street meeting this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Old School. The public is invited to attend and there will be Missouri Main Street representatives present to help guide the processes of this new group.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Curtis commented what a great organization Missouri Community Betterment is and recognized Jack Briggs for his work with the group.

Councilmember Sloan spoke about his votes during the meeting. He has been called hypocritical and wanted to clarify that the utility rates are something that the Council is imposing on the residents while the sales tax is something the citizens will be voting on themselves. He also relayed that he provided two studies for Council's perusal regarding child poverty that could be enlightening.

Mayor Breckenridge thanked everyone for attending and stated she had dropped and stepped on her glasses earlier and she couldn't recognize everyone who was in attendance.

Motion was made at 6:55 p.m. by Councilmember Ausmus to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Communications [RSMo 610.021(1)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Sloan. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened open session at 7:17 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk