

**CITY OF CAMERON
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REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	A
Dennis M. Clark	P
Everett W. Ice	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 17th day of August 2009, at five o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Everett W. Ice presided with the following Councilmembers present: Frank A. Buck, Dennis M. Clark and Ronnie Jack. Absent: Mark L. Carr.

Present were City Manager David Watson, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Public Meeting – 2009-2010 Annual Budget/Workshop. Council Comments. City Manager Watson presented a slide show of the budget work sheets. A seven (7) percent decrease in sales tax was predicted and property tax in the General Fund is expected to remain nearly level. City Manager Watson reported the Electric Fund is doing well, the Water Fund not so good and the Sewer Fund is somewhat better. Transfers for the 2008-2009 fiscal year are scheduled to be: \$180,000 in the General Fund; \$154,000 in the Sewer Fund; \$146,000 in the Water Fund; and, \$580,000 in the Electric Fund. The 2009-2010 transfers budgeted are: \$103,258 for General; \$104,607 for Sewer; and, \$24,382 for the Park Fund. City Manager Watson said the City must cut down on spending reserve money. It was noted that just because something was in the budget meant the money will be available, but it could be determined at a later time whether the money would be spent.

The General Fund budget for 2009-2010 was reduced to 90 percent of the 2008-2009 budgeted numbers with the exception of personnel. The Water and Sewer Funds were reduced to 80 percent of the 2008-2009 budgets. City Manager Watson stated personnel are the City's most important assets and a two (2) percent cost of living increase is in the budget. The new position of Communication Director is also reflected in the budget. The Fire Department has not had a raise for five (5) years and a \$2 per call increase has been budgeted. Debt service in the General Fund will be greatly reduced by 2012 with City Hall and the Public Safety Building being paid in full. Discussions will be held at a later date on the need to increase the water rate paid by the City's customers.

The Capital Improvements in the budget all have grant money tied into their projects. The Workshop will be continued until the September 21, 2009 meeting in an effort to allow more time for citizens to review the proposed budget.

Public Comments. Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, said it appears that the Band Fund, Park Fund and Library Fund all have too much reserve money and suggested that perhaps money could be given to the Street Department for improvements. City Manager Watson explained these Fund monies are locked down and can only be used for the initial purposes for which they were established. The Street Department continues to be a challenge with the need for more funds. The budget for the Department was lowered from \$300,000 to \$205,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council adjourned for a five (5) minute recess at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the August 3, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sue Manion of Manion Property located at 602 Lana Drive, addressed Council regarding storm water issues at 410 South Maple Street. Staff will look into the issue and bring more information to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Watson asked Council to digest the information from the budget workshop and ask questions at any time about the budget.
2. Bird control has been somewhat successful at the airport. Staff has been working to close off areas where the birds are nesting.
3. City Manager Watson withdrew "Consideration of Bids to Purchase Brush Chipper" and Resolution 2009-15, items a. and b. under Unfinished Business on the agenda. More information will be presented at a later time.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. The August meeting was cancelled. The Commission will meet September 14, 2009 and hold a public hearing to revise the definition of group homes to include domestic violence shelters.
2. Tax Increment Financing. Staff is working with two (2) groups on potential projects.
3. A grant application for trails has been completed with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The total application was for \$153,000 with \$100,000 grant money and the City matching \$53,000. The money would be used for an eight (8) foot wide asphalt trail that would be located on

the north side of Reservoir Two (2). The second phase would include a bridge. A response to the grant should be received in four (4) to six (6) months.

Resolution 2009-16, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR GRANTS UNDER THE MISSOURI CLEAN WATER LAW (Section 644, RSMo) WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI (Water System Improvements)** was read by title to City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2009-16 were available for the public. Councilmember Buck moved to pass Resolution 2009-16. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. Discussion. City Manager Watson informed Council the grant money is from stimulus from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grant could be up to 50 percent of the money needed for the construction of the water system improvements that have been approved. Resolution 2009-16 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Bill 2009-65, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-71 USE OF COASTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES RESTRICTED. CHAPTER 7 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-65 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson stated the Code does not clearly define the use of skate boards and other similar devices. Regulations need to be in place now that the skate park has been built. Police Captain Gaylen White informed Council of the restrictions that are being placed on the use of such devices in the business district, other sidewalks and in the streets. A \$25 fine or up to 90 days confiscation of the devices is included in the Bill. The punishment would be up to the local juvenile officer. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

On motion made by Councilmember Jack 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: Buck, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5533**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2009-66, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CAMERON MEMORIAL AIRPORT (EZZ) AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was

read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-66 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Copies of the final version of the Plan were distributed to Council for review. Mike Waller, Bucher, Willis and Ratliff, was present and explained the Plan has been a work in progress for the last eighteen months. The last plan was approved in the early 1990's. Staff recommends approval of the Plan. Having the Plan in place will allow grant money that has been awarded to the City to be spent. The ten (10) percent match on the 2006 grant money has been reduced to five (5) percent. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

On motion made by Councilmember Jack 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: Buck, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5534**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – 2009 Proposed Tax Levy. Councilmember Buck moved at 6:40 p.m. to go into a public hearing for the 2009 tax levy. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr. City Clerk O'Connor stated this is the annual hearing required to be held by the City to set the tax levy for 2009. The proposed levy amounts are: General Fund, \$0.5915; Band Fund, \$0.0830; Library Fund, \$0.1662; and, Park Fund, \$0.1453. The total levy is \$0.9860. This is a slight increase over the 2008 levy. There was no further discussion on the levy and Councilmember Buck moved to adjourn from the public hearing at 6:51 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Bill 2009-67, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY TAXABLE IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2009, AND FIXING THE RATE THEREOF, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-67 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

On motion made by Councilmember Buck 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: Buck, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5535**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Public Hearing – Tax Increment Financing Five Year Report. Councilmember Buck moved to go into a public hearing for the TIF Report at 6:55 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr. Development Director Shellby Hendee stated the Missouri State Statutes require a hearing every five (5) years during a project. This is the third hearing held by the City and Development Director Hendee noted the TIF District has lived up to all expectations. The City has acted as good stewards of the money captured. A total of \$2.3 million in TIF revenue has been captured. Twelve companies have located in the TIF District with four (4) receiving TIF funding. Those four (4) have generated an estimated \$26 million in taxes. Among the companies in the District, Wal-Mart generated \$2.15 million and paid out in six years rather than the ten (10) years expected. Sears generated \$94,000 which paid to extend Pence Road and paid off in four (4) years. Development Director Hendee noted that not all taxes are captured, only the increment from the improved areas. The taxing jurisdictions continue to collect the original tax amounts. Only one (1) percent of the sales tax is captured in the District. Orscheln has six (6) or seven (7) years remaining on their project reimbursement. The 2009 TIF reports are due to be filed with the Missouri Department of Economic Development by November 1, 2009. City Manager Watson stated from his perspective, the City should be commended for a job well done with the use of Tax Increment Financing avenues. Bob Hart, 1002 East Second Street Terrace, said he would like to see some TIF money spent in Clinton County noting that all of the current and past projects were located in DeKalb County. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Jack moved to adjourn the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Resolution 2009-17, A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF GRANTS OR LOANS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI (Parallel Water Mains) was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2009-17 were available for the public. Councilmember Clark moved to pass Resolution 2009-17. Councilmember Buck seconded the motion. Discussion. City Manager Watson stated this is a requirement the City must meet in order to participate in the State Revolving Loan Fund for the parallel water mains portion of the water improvements that have been approved. This adopts a goal of two (2) percent participation with minority-owned and women-owned businesses by contractors. Resolution 2009-17 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Resolution 2009-18, **A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REQUIREMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF GRANTS OR LOANS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI (Elevated Storage Tank)** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2009-18 were available for the public. Councilmember Buck moved to pass Resolution 2009-18. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. Discussion. This Resolution is for the elevated storage tank and meets the same requirements as discussed regarding Resolution 2009-17. Resolution 2009-18 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

Board Appointments.

1. *Cameron Housing Authority.* The terms of Laretta Moore and Gus Lippert expire in August. Both have agreed to serve another four (4) year term if reappointed. Councilmember Buck moved to reappoint Laretta Moore and Gus Lippert to the Cameron Housing Authority. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.
2. *Board of Adjustment.* The term of Bob Thompson on the Cameron Board of Adjustment expires in September. Mr. Thompson has expressed his interest in continuing to serve on the Board. Councilmember Buck moved to reappoint Bob Thompson to a five (5) year term. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Reminded Council of the upcoming Missouri Municipal League meeting and the Midwest Public Risk (MPR) meeting. Both are being held in October.

Councilmember Buck:

- Stated he enjoyed the recent Safety Meeting and commended Staff for a job well done on the event.
- Asked Staff to look into intersection site issues at Fourth and West Streets and Ford and Walnut Streets.

City Manager Watson:

- Noted that employee Jason Ramey had received the annual Safety Award which was presented at the Safety Meeting this month.

- Informed Council he is submitting his resume to MPR to be on the Board of Directors.

Inspector Clyde Han:

- Reviewed a recent meeting regarding the proposed Regional Animal Shelter. DeKalb County and Daviess County Commissioners all want to move forward toward a private entity project.

Mayor Ice:

- Said he will be submitting another informational article/letter to the Cameron Citizen-Observer.
- Asked Council to consider reinstating a ceremonial opening to the Council meetings suggesting reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and holding an opening invocation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 7:15 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk