CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
November 4, 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 4th day of November 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

Joe Abrutz, 7387 NE Jones Rd – Mr. Abrutz spoke to Council as a representative of Cameron Regional Medical Center and staff. Mr. Abrutz relayed that smoking is dangerous and vaping has caused many deaths. He is against smoking in any form and if it was up to him there would be no smoking period, at any age. He does, however, understand societal pressures and supports raising smoking to 21 years of age.

Richard Riddell, 1209 Park – (Handout distributed) Mr. Riddell spoke to Council as a representative of the Cameron Rotary Club and was present to celebrate a partnership project. A brief history of the Cameron Rotary was given. The Rotary wanted to help bring to fruition an ADA accessible fishing area/deck at the Cameron Lakes. To that end, they applied for a grant through the Rotary Association which they were granted in September. The fishing deck will be open to the public but dedicated to disabled veterans. The grant will fund a 20' X 36' cantilever shade over the fishing area. The project must be completed by next May or the Rotary will have to return the funds. The Rotary portion of this project is approximately $15,000 and the City's portion for the concrete is about $18,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2019 Regular Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen informed Council that the Fire Department will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:00 pm to introduce their new addition and as a thank you to the public for their support through the Fire Department tax.

Paul Rinehart and City Manager Rasmussen attending the Local Government Employee's Retirement System (LAGERS) last week as member and employer representatives for the City of Cameron. LAGERS is a very healthy retirement system which is currently over 94% funded. For every dollar that LAGERS pays out in retiree benefits, 20¢ comes from employee contributions, 20¢ comes from employer contributions and the remaining 60¢ is from LAGERS investment income.

In an effort to keep the Council updated on the goals set during the strategic planning session, City Manager Rasmussen included in the packets the current status of five of the original eight goals. Further updates will be brought to Council as the process moves forward.

Staff is researching the possibility of a spay/neuter program by contacting other cities and getting the pros and cons for what works and what does not. An update will come back to Council once the staff has an opportunity to formulate a proposal. Councilmember Clark stated that Chillicothe had a stray cat problem and their spay/neuter program made a big difference after about two years. Councilmember Sloan agreed with Councilmember Clark and feels that a public education program is also needed, feeding feral cats just increases the problems.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

Terry Rumery confirmed that Chillicothe did have a feral cat problem and agreed with Councilmember Sloan that feeding feral cats is a mistake. Mr. Rumery gave a brief update of the current economic development projects. City Manager Rasmussen, Mark Garges and Mr. Rumery have met with one hotelier so far and are making appointments to contact the remaining hotel owners. Mr. Garges has prepared a booklet of information that explains the benefits of a motel tax. The Cameron Main Street organization is really moving along and has a very energetic board. They have many proposed projects on the horizon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2019-59, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AMENDING ARTICLE V, TOBACCO, OF CHAPTER EIGHT, OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE BY SETTING A MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE VAPING PRODUCTS** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-59 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

Manager Rasmussen advised Council that a Resolution of support from the Clinton County Commissioners was received regarding setting the age at 21 for purchasing vapor products. Support is also expected from both DeKalb and Caldwell Counties as well as the School District and the Hospital before the next reading. Counselor Corcoran stated this Ordinance was drafted by staff and other cities who have passed similar legislation. This Ordinance will only set the age at 21 for purchasing vapor products, it does not change the age for smoking or alternative nicotine products. Also it only effects the sale of the products not the use or possession. It just makes it more difficult to purchase vaping products. Mayor Breckenridge expressed her appreciation for staff's work on the Ordinance. Bill 2019-59 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2019-60, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, TO SIGN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH THE MISSOURI PUBLIC UTILITY ALLIANCE, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION, AND THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-60 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Utility Director Johnson relayed that mutual aid agreements are vital in the event of a disaster both for Cameron and other communities/agencies. This Ordinance is for renewal of existing mutual aid agreements with MPUA, APPA and NRECA. Bill 2019-60 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion – Community Re-Branding and Community Betterment Fund: City Manager Rasmussen stated that the Public Works Committee met last week about several proposed small projects, however, the discussion has been directed to the full Council due to the question of funding. Councilmember Clark proposed small, one-time projects to get the most 'bang for the buck.' The proposed projects would have small budgets but believe they are important for re-branding and for the success of the Main Street agenda. The proposed projects include: replacing a fence at the golf course, a fire pit at the Cameron Lakes as well as Adirondack chairs, pump house trail signs, new trails, shelter houses, RV camping, trail signs, removal of columns in the spillway, Frisbee golf in the timber, phase 3 of the trail grant program, side trails and signage on US Highway 36. Mayor Breckenridge agrees with the projects and would like to see if we become a 'Tree City USA' as that designation may provide funding opportunities for projects. Councilmember Sloan also agrees with Councilmember Clark's projects and would like to look at them for the 2021 budget since we have already set goals for the 2020 budget. Councilmember Ausmus reiterated the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) judge's comments that our City Lakes should be developed and noted that we have not done as many MCB projects since the year we won. Mayor Breckenridge believes that the fishing deck project this year is a good start and would like to finish that project before we proceed to more. Councilmember Sloan stated these projects need to be addressed at the next retreat and budget process. Councilmember Clark stated he felt these projects were small amounts that wouldn't affect the budget and feels there is enough money to move forward.

Resolution 2019-33, **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE GRAND AVENUE & WALNUT STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND AWARDING THE BID TO MEGA INDUSTRIES CORPORATION** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-33 were available for the public. Motion was made by

Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-33. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained this Resolution is to proceed with a Notice of Award to Mega Industries Corporation. Once awarded, MoDOT will review the agreement and issue a letter of concurrence. An Ordinance will then come back to Council to approve a contract with Mega Industries. Mega Industries bid for this project was $246,729 and the engineer's estimate was $226,283. Resolution 2019-33 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Pat Jones, 116 Evergreen – Ms. Jones informed Council she has been telling people for years to visit the Cameron Lakes and is glad that improvements to the area are on the City's radar. Would like to see Council pick a few of the projects and move forward instead of doing nothing.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day. City Clerk Blades will be out of the office on Friday for training. Encouraged everyone in the chamber to exercise their right and duty by voting tomorrow in the election. Recently attended the Clinco Open House and relayed the amazing work they do there as well as provide a valuable community service. Requested Council let her know if they plan to attend the MML Legislative Conference in February.

Community Developer Wymes informed Council that the Main Street Board is moving along and taking the lead on this year's Christmas celebration which will kick-off with a parade at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 30. A Main Street Town Hall Meeting will be held on November 20th at the Old School from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark thanked the Rotary and Pat Jones for their comments and for moving the needle in a positive direction. Relayed that the general fund has over two million dollars in reserve and if we can do a little bit every year we'll move forward, otherwise we won't.

Councilmember Curtis relayed her appreciation for the Rotary and the partnership programs and likes the progress at the trails.

Councilmember Sloan asked the City Manager how many goals were set from the retreat. City Manager Rasmussen advised there were eight goals which were endorsed by a Resolution from Council. Councilmember Sloan stated those goals set the priorities for the City/Staff for the upcoming year. The Emergency Operations Plan was one of those goals and inquired how many Councilmembers have taken the National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes for elected officials. Councilmember Sloan and City Manager Rasmussen raised their hands. The City's Emergency Operations Plan has not been updated since 2011 and that plan is crucial to recovery in the event of a disaster. A lot of funds will be expended to move forward on that goal.

Councilmember Ausmus stated she has nothing new to add.

Mayor Breckenridge thanked the Rotary Club for their generous donation/partnership. Asked everyone to please vote tomorrow.

Motion was made at 6:54 p.m. by Councilmember Ausmus to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Communications and Real Estate [RSMo 610.021(1)(2)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Clark. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened open session at 7:35 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk