CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
November 18, 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 18th 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

Chris Wilkinson, 201 E Fourteenth St. – Advised Council he submitted an alternate plan to the Park Board for the location of the sports complex. He doesn't think the sports complex should be located across from the prisons. Mayor Breckenridge requested a copy of the plan he submitted to the Park Board be provided to City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by voice vote. Councilmember Curtis abstained due to not being present for the entire special session on November 12th.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2019 Regular Session
b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Special Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen introduced David Hibler, the new Administrator at the Cameron Veteran's Home. Mr. Hibler is present tonight in conjunction with the City's Resolution for Hidden Heroes. The City will be partnering with the Veteran's Home to accomplish the goals of the Resolution to provide support to caregivers of veterans and military personnel.

Last week at the Municipal Court session was Judge Shull's last court night. Incoming Judge Traci Fann was present and will take over the running of the Municipal Court at the December 10th court session.

Staff is continuing to work with Randy Curnow on his expansion project and the obstacles it has experienced. Currently the project's right-of-way and location in relation to Baldwin Road are being addressed.

Cameron Main Street Inc will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Old School. There will be refreshments and everyone is invited to attend.

The monthly financials were included in the packets as well as the large check list. Currently the general fund shows a negative balance of approximately $157,000, however there have not yet been any postings for real estate and personal property taxes.

City Manager Rasmussen and Utility Director Johnson attended the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission's meeting last week in Stewartsville but will relay the information from that meeting later in the agenda when Bill 2019-65 is discussed.

Councilmember Curtis inquired about the status of the Chestnut Arms. City Manager Rasmussen responded that we currently only have one tenant still residing at the Econo Lodge but they will be moving into permanent lodging tomorrow. After the initial 30 days, a hearing will be scheduled to decide the next steps with the property. City Inspector Beckwith and Counselor Corcoran are focused on the proceedings.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Manager Rasmussen introduced Brett Jones and Tiffany Collins from the Cameron School District who were present to support the Ordinance raising the age to purchase vaping products to 21. Mr. Jones stated they have experienced a lot of incidents within the school district with e-cigarettes/JUULs and noted the size of the devices make it difficult to detect when students have them in their possession. The school district has been researching the possibility of purchasing an e-cigarette detection system. Ms. Collins distributed a handout from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that is sent home with students who are found to be in possession of e-cigarettes. A high percentage of illegal substances are being accessed through vaping. Councilmember Curtis inquired if only nicotine was present in vaping products and Ms. Collins responded that the nicotine can be laced with marijuana or other drugs.

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 on second reading 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 Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Councilmember Clark stated he appreciated Mr. Jones' and Ms. Collins' comments and asked if there was anything else the City could do to make them successful to let us know. Mayor Breckenridge agreed with Councilmember Clark and also wants to work with the

school district for the betterment of our youth. City Clerk Blades indicated that the City received letters of support from both Caldwell and DeKalb Counties since the last meeting for this initiative. Councilmember Sloan relayed that there isn't a lot of information or science yet to know the full effects of vaping and urged everyone to make safe decisions. Bill 2019-59 passed on second reading by unanimous 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 2019-59 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 6114**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-60 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-60 passed on second reading by unanimous 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 2019-60 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 6115**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2019-62, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR EAST GRAND AVENUE FLOODING REIMBURSEMENT STP-URBAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-62 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager explained this is an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation for emergency funds on East Grand Avenue for a FEMA designated disaster from 2015. Other parts of this event were completed but the location of damages on this section of Grand Avenue, designated as a MoDOT road, changed this project from FEMA to an STP project. Approximately $12,000 was received for repairs to the road from a ditch washing out and water going over the roadway. The purpose of this Ordinance is for recordkeeping/tracking for MoDOT. Bill 2019-62 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2019-63, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT #20-903-P/AMV #20AHDQ00015 BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ATF) NORTHWEST MISSOURI INTERAGENCY TEAM RESPONSE**

OPERATION (NITRO) TASK FORCE FOR OFFICE SPACE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-63 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk Blades informed Council this is a housekeeping Ordinance to renew the annual lease for office space with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Bill 2019-63 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2019-64, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CAMERON CITY LIMITS** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-64 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Fire Chief O'Donnell explained this is the annual agreement with the Rural Fire District to provide fire protection services outside the city limits of Cameron. The Rural Fire District covers approximately 144 square miles of territory in a rural area. The agreement has not changed much from the previous agreement. The City has been doing annual agreements with the District since 1996 when the District was formed. Bill 2019-64 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-34, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A DEMOLITION CERTIFICATION, RELEASE, AND AGREEMENT WITH JANETTE MARCUM FOR A DANGEROUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 418 NORTH GROAT STREET** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-34 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-34. Discussion. Building Inspector Beckwith advised Council this is another property for the 100% Demolition Program. The City acquires the property, the demolition is completed and then the property is sold with the stipulation that a single-family home must be built on the location within two years. City Manager Rasmussen added that this program has been very successful and staff would like to increase the budget for this program in the future. This program will be submitted to the Missouri Municipal League later this year for possible recognition. The same budget line that funds this program is also funding the Chestnut Arms issue and staff may ask for a budget adjustment later in the year. Resolution 2019-34 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-35, **A HIDDEN HEROES RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI IN SUPPORT OF CAMERON'S MILITARY AND VETERAN CAREGIVERS** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2019-35. Discussion. City Manager Rasmussen explained that a request from Kansas City Councilmember Heather Hall on behalf of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation was received regarding this Resolution. The purpose of this Resolution is for education and support for the caregivers of our military and veteran population. To that end, the City has invited the Missouri Veteran's Home to be a partner on this worthy objective. Resolution 2019-35 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2019-65, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT NORTHWEST WHOLESALE WATER COMMISSION** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-65 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Rasmussen explained that the City has been working toward a solution for a stable water system for many years. The Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission's (GNWWC) loan through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that easements be obtained and the Commission has currently acquired about 25% of the needed easements. The next step is to negotiate or condemn the remaining easements. The USDA will not, however, reimburse the Commission for easements. The Ordinance proposes that the City of Cameron finance approximately $500,000 for the purpose of acquiring easements to GNWWC which the City will be re-paid at a later date. Finance Director Weigand advised that the General Fund has enough liquidity to fund this project which will be repaid at 1% interest. The funds will be put into a newly created account and only disbursed as needed. Counselor Corcoran stated that an agreement will be created with Right of Way Associates to acquire the necessary easements. Counselor Corcoran will initiate the imminent domain process for any easements that are not acquired. There are about 100 easements remaining and the company will work on them in chunks of 25. Councilmember Curtis inquired about the length of time involved for imminent domain. Counselor Corcoran explained the process and advised it could be six to nine months total. City Manager Rasmussen relayed that he will be sending a letter to the USDA explaining the progress being made in the easement acquisition. He also explained that an extension/additional loan has been applied for but the USDA has not responded to that request. Mayor Breckenridge asked for confirmation that the City of Cameron is still in the GNWWC at 85% and inquired how much last year's drought/pumping from Grindstone cost the City. Finance Director Weigand approximated the expenses associated with the drought were around $400,000. Councilmember Curtis is a member of GNWWC and wanted to explain that if the USDA does not 'acknowledge' a bill (such as easements) then the GNWWC cannot pay the bill. Also if the time runs out on the USDA loan then the loan moves from the State USDA office to the Federal USDA office. GNWWC needs to show that progress is being made. Utility Director Johnson advised the current loan with USDA is set to expire in June 2020. Councilmember Sloan inquired about the extension and City Manager Rasmussen advised the extension is also an increase from the initial loan request. Also after inquiring, Councilmember Sloan was informed that representatives from Congressman Graves, Senator Blunt and Senator Hawley's Office were present at last week's GNWWC meeting in support of the project. Bill 2019-65 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-37, **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI DETERMINING ITS INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-37 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass Resolution 2019-37. Discussion. Finance Director Weigand explained that financing for the Animal Care Facility has not yet been finalized but will be coming to Council for approval at the next regular session. Work, however, is progressing on the project and Herner Construction has submitted requests for payment. This Resolution will

allow the City to pay Herner Construction and reimburse ourselves once financing is established. Resolution 2019-37 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council that City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for an employee meeting. The City will be participating in the career fair at the Cameron High School on Friday. City Manager Rasmussen, Human Resource Manager McVicker, Water Plant Superintendent Rinehart and Mayor Breckenridge will be participating in that event. City Hall will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. Reminded everyone the Christmas parade and lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 30th.

Fire Chief O'Donnell informed Council they had approximately 1,600 attendees at their Halloween open house. The Fire Department expansion/improvements are now complete and invited the public to stop by and check out the updates to the building. The Rural Fire District recently spent $170,000 for a new grass truck. The State Fire Marshall will be in town on Wednesday to recognize the years of service of Ike Taylor as a fireman.

Police Chief Bashor stated the new storm siren was installed last week out near the Shell Station on Bob F Griffin Road.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark stated the City has been working on the water issue for about twenty years with four of those years on this particular project and wanted to thank staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Curtis thank City Manager Rasmussen and Counselor Corcoran for their work on creating innovative solutions to move the water project forward.

Councilmember Sloan also thanked everyone for their work on the water issue. Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels over the holiday. Asked citizens to think about people who are alone or who are shut ins in light of recent tragedies and urged them if they feel someone is in danger or concerned for their safety, just make the call for help, don't wait.

Mayor Breckenridge expressed her desire for everyone to have a blessed Thanksgiving and for everyone to think of the community and all the work being done to make it better. Main Street is going full force and she invited everyone to attend the Christmas festivities. Mayor Breckenridge will be reading a Christmas book to the children attending the festivities and gifting a lucky recipient with the book. The Marching Falcons will be part of the Christmas Parade. Encouraged everyone to shop Cameron!

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk