CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
December 2, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	A
L. Corey Sloan	A
Becky Curtis	P
Julie Ausmus	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 2nd day of December 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: Becky Curtis and Julie Ausmus. Absent: Dennis M. Clark and L. Corey Sloan.

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 Curtis to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen advised Council he received a call from Councilmember Clark who is sick and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Councilmember Sloan had previously stated he had a conflict and would be unable to attend the meeting as well.

The City was notified by our Auditors (Hochschild & Bloom) that they will not be onsite to complete our audit until the week of January 6, 2020. This will give staff additional time to complete our work and the auditors assure that they will still be done by the end of January deadline.

Regarding the Chestnut Arms apartment building, a Dangerous Building Hearing has been scheduled for January 6th at 2:00 pm in the Council Chamber. We were required to give 15-day notice of this hearing after the 30-day compliance letter expires. The City will appoint an administrative law judge and designate a building commissioner for the hearing. Counselor Corcoran stated he has not heard from the property owners since the original letter was sent out. The hearing will be a modified court procedure. The City will present its case and the judge determines if the City followed protocol and what should happen next with the building. Councilmember Ausmus inquired what will happen at the hearing and Counselor Corcoran responded the hearing will be the full procedure.

In keeping with the Council's 4th strategic goal, staff has sent out requests for proposals (RFP) to a number of consultants for a salary/compensation plan study. The results of the RFP will give the City an idea of what a study will cost and then a decision can be made whether to go forward. A third-party consultant for this task will be time-saving as well as provide expertise and credibility.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

EDOC Youth Focus Group Presentation – Mark Garges with EDOC explained Stephanie Williams had an unexpected conflict and would not be able to give the presentation tonight. Mr. Garges gave Council an overview of the Focus Group results and stated Ms. Williams would do a more thorough presentation at the joint Council/EDOC work session in January.

A handout of the Focus Group results was distributed with the Council Packets. Mr. Garges stated that he, Mayor Breckenridge and Pam Ice visited with three separate classes at Cameron High School, encompassing approximately 60 students. The students were asked questions regarding the community's strengths and weaknesses and what would make them stay in Cameron after graduation. Transportation, clothing, food and recreation were all important factors for the students. Students involved in agriculture and those interested in being tradesmen were more likely to stay in the Cameron area. When asked what would cause the students to leave Cameron, some of the responses were the community atmosphere and disappointment in adults on social media. Many students indicated they would like to live within a 100 mile radius of Cameron and thought that access to entertainment, recreation and quality sit-down restaurants would be a draw to make them stay.

Mr. Garges relayed that he was pleased with the results and felt this project was very worthwhile. He would like to see EDOC follow-up in the spring and repeat the process. Mayor Breckenridge agreed it was a good experience and also noted that family and friends were given as another major reason to stay in the Cameron area.

UNFINISHED 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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-62 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion.

None. Bill 2019-62 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-62 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6116**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-63 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-63 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-63 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6117**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-64 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 2019-64 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-64 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6118**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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 on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-65 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded

by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-65 passed on second reading with a voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-65 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6119**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2019-66, **AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ARTICLE II, TREES & SHRUBS, OF CHAPTER 8 OFFENSES- MISCELLANEOUS AND ESTABLISHING A NEW ARTICLE V, TREES, IN CHAPTER 9, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-66 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 that trees are a significant asset and becoming a 'Tree City USA' was identified as a goal in the comprehensive plan. This Ordinance includes 20 items that are requirements for achieving the designation of 'Tree City USA.' Also included is the creation of a 'Tree Board' which will be the Park Board. Types and locations of trees allowed have also been regulated. Matt Arndt a certified arborist and also a member of the Park/Tree Board helped immensely with the creation of this Ordinance. A brief synopses of the details of the Ordinance was provided including that 'topping' of trees will no longer be allowed. City Manager Rasmussen informed Council that once the Ordinance is passed at the next meeting, staff will apply for designation of 'Tree City' status which coincidentally happens at the end of the year. Bill 2019-66 passed on first reading only by voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Bill 2019-67, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (TEAP023)** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-67 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager advised that the City applied for and won this competitive TEAP Grant. The grant is for a study of the corridor of US 36, McElwain Drive and Reservoir Road, specifically the at-grade intersection. This will be a $10,000 project with $8,000 coming from the grant and $2,000 coming from Public Works budget. The purpose is to find a long-term solution for the intersection. Councilmember Curtis inquired as to the concerns for the area. Public Works Director Bontrager responded that safety is the number one concern and also traffic flow. City Manager Rasmussen added that improvement to this intersection would open up the west end of town for economic development as well as increased access to the airport. Bill 2019-67 passed on first reading only by voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

Bill 2019-68, **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-68 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Curtis and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Rasmussen explained this is for financing for the Animal Care Facility and brought to Council attention the financing is for $600,000. Finance Director Weigand informed Council that Central Bank was the chosen financial institution for this endeavor and introduced Toni Stegeman with Gilmore and Bell who explained the financing process. Ms. Stegeman explained this financing has been designated as a lease-purchase (not a bond) and the structure declared personal property for ease of paperwork. If for any reason future Councils did not allocate funds for the payments, the bank could in effect repossess the building. The financing does allow for pre-payment of the principle, which could be utilized with the escrowed monies and allow the City to adjust the payment amount or the term of the loan. Bill 2019-68 passed on first reading only by voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Gary Summers, 1016 W. Fourth– Mr. Summers requested clarification on the Tree Ordinance and would like education for the public as to how it will affect everyone. Public Works Director Bontrager stated there would be no permits necessary for work done on private property, only for work done in the right-of way. Mr. Summers stated he is not opposed, he just wants additional information. City Manager Rasmussen stated he and the Public Works Director will get with Mr. Summers and establish questions and a fact sheet to put out to the public with additional information.

BJ Reed – Explained she was speaking as a representative/secretary for Cameron Main Street Inc. Ms. Reed wished to thank everyone involved in the Christmas events held this past Saturday. They had thirteen advance entry forms and a total of 30 parade entrants. Some of the highlights of the parade were 'Cousin Eddy,' and the Marching Falcons. A special thank you was given to Mayor Breckenridge and Denise Maddox for all their work, Fire Chief O'Donnell, the City and the Parks Department for making McCorkle Park look so great. Also a thank you was extended to emergency services for their successful food drive.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades wished Councilmember Curtis and Public Works Director Bontrager happy birthday. Informed the gallery that at 5:00 pm on Monday, December 16th, prior to the Council Meeting the Cameron High School Choir will be performing in the Chamber and there will be refreshments. Filing for Council candidates will open on Tuesday December 17th at 8:00 am and end on Tuesday, January 21st at 5:00 pm. Candidates must register in person. Reminded Council about the safety award banquet on December 14th. Advised everyone that City Hall would be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Day. And finally, the last day to pay taxes without penalty is December 31st, all taxes this year are to be paid through the County.

Public Works Director Bontrager wanted to recognize the Work Release crew who decorated the entrance markers and City Hall. The Street Department assisted with decorating McCorkle Park and another group which includes Quinten Lovejoy that decorated Earl Park.

Utility Director Zac Johnson introduced our former Waste Water Plant Manager Verlon Persinger (who is now a District Manager). Mr. Persinger introduced our new Waste Water Plant Manager Patrick Swaggerty who comes to us from Richmond and previously worked in Buckner.

Community Development Director Tim Wymes relayed that Cameron Main Street Inc did a great job with the Christmas festivities and is happy to see everyone coming together.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Curtis stated she is excited about the developing partnerships. She had the opportunity to speak with members of the Marching Falcons who put on a great show during the parade. Encouraged everyone to come and listen to the choir before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Breckenridge advised that she, City Manager Rasmussen and Human Resource Manager Amy McVicker represented the City of Cameron at the Career Fair hosted by the Cameron High School. It was a great opportunity for both the City and the students and a successful event.

Thanked BJ Reed for her hard work with the Christmas events and encouraged her to hold on to her great spirit.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. by voice vote. Councilmembers Clark and Sloan absent.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk