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REGULAR SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 2nd day of November 2009, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack presided with the following Councilmembers present: Frank A. Buck, Mark L. Carr and Dennis M. Clark. Absent: Everett W. Ice.

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

Minutes of the October 19, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr. Absent: Mayor Ice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Randy Foster, 702 West Fourth Street, discussed the curb and sidewalk work being done at Mead and Fourth Street. Mr. Foster asked for a parking permit to park in the parkway, and said if that could not be obtained; he would like permission to park in his yard. City Manager Watson told Mr. Foster he would call him in the morning and talk about the parking situation at his residence.

Proclamation – Northwest Missouri Youth Entrepreneurship Week – DECA. Mayor Pro-Tem Jack read the proclamation which had been signed by Mayor Ice commending the DECA.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Future Engineering Grants for Water Projects. The City has applied for a grant for engineering work related to disinfection of water at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The grant was submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission has also applied for a grant on behalf of its members. There will be more information on the grants in the future.

2. Programmable Thermostats. City Manager Watson and Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh attended a KCPL Resource Fair last Thursday. One grant program offered to KCPL customers is for installation of programmable thermostats to help customers with utility costs. Director of Utilities Gaugh is looking into the program to determine if this would be a feasible program for Cameron.
3. MoDOT Update. The Missouri Department of Transportation asked for assistance with construction work on North bound Interstate 35. Loch Construction, the contractor for the State, had issues with a concrete pour and needed help to wash the bad concrete out before it set. City Manager Watson stated when a public entity asks for assistance that is not readily available; it is policy that the City would respond. Loch Construction will pay for the service provided by the Cameron Fire Department. The quick response from the Department saved weeks of work and will hopefully aid MoDOT by not having traffic head to head during the winter months. The City will respond to tax based operations and extend assistance.
4. Future Agenda Items. City Manager Watson noted that the Griffin and Grand project, the 2009 International Building Code and a communications plan will all be forth coming. A budget amendment to remove the Communications Director position from the 2009-2010 budget will come later in the Council Session.

A report on the West Street Community meeting held last Wednesday was requested. City Manager Watson said the property owners along the street attended the meeting. Another meeting has been scheduled and City Manager Watson said members of the group are willing to partner with the City for the street improvements. City Attorney Elliott will lay out the options since the property owners abutting this portion of West Street are not in the City Limits. The next meeting will answer more questions and provide numbers for the cost of the improvements. The group wants to have a full depth asphalt road.

A report was also requested on Walnut Street improvements. City Manager Watson stated the Missouri Department of Transportation has funded an asphalt overlay for Walnut Street in 2011. Drainage issues were also discussed. City Manager Watson noted that in 1957 an agreement with MoDOT placed drainage responsibilities with the City and roadway responsibilities with MoDOT. Staff is still researching the issue. Kemper Motors, 204 South Walnut, has problems with a deep ditch and MoDOT has said this would be the City's responsibility.

City Manager Watson said the Mead Street, Cornhill Street and Lathrop Street project is very big and is taking a lot of time to complete.

Project reports were requested on the hiking/biking trail. Property ownership and right of way issues were concerns that have been expressed. City Manager Watson said discussion has been held in three (3) areas concerning the possible trails: a new "circuit"; old right-of-way in the west part of the City; and paths around the City reservoirs. A project report will be given to Council for prioritizing.

More discussion was held on the West Street improvement request. City Manager Watson stated he is going to contact Clinton County about the possibility of a Neighborhood

Improvement District. It was noted that the traffic count conducted on West Street did not indicate that the improvements would be a priority over other higher traveled City streets that also need to be improved.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. MCB Awards. Development Director Shellby Hendee reported the City of Cameron placed third in competition for the largest population category of the Missouri Community Betterment Awards.
2. Planning and Zoning. The Commission will meet November 9, 2009 to consider whether a public entity should be exempt from Conditional Use Permit requirements.
3. Communications. A draft communications plan is being worked on and will be presented to Council in the near future. The new web site for the City is scheduled to roll out November 23, 2009.
4. Great Northwest Day at the Capitol. The 2010 event is scheduled for February 2nd and 3rd. Clinton County will partner with the City for this event.
5. Leadership Northwest Missouri. The City has sponsored several individuals in the past and will continue to do so again this year.
6. A US 36 Heritage Alliance meeting was recently held in Chillicothe, Missouri. The meeting was well attended and plans are moving forward to entice travelers to the area.
7. A new Director of Economic Development has been named for the State of Missouri. David Kerr has been appointed to serve in that capacity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Only / No Action Requested – Parking in Parkways. Councilmember Buck expressed his concern about Mayor Pro-Tem Jack leading this discussion. Since Mayor Pro-Tem Jack has business issues relating to the discussion, the public perception might be that of a conflict of interest. Councilmember Carr agreed and stated he felt Mayor Ice should be present to lead the discussion. Councilmember Clark said he could see the perception issue, but noted City Attorney Elliott had allowed Councilmember Jack to participate in auto repair regulation discussions. The parking issue is broad and not limited to Councilmember Jack's business.

City Attorney Elliott informed Council he has recused himself from this issue noting a conflict of interest with potential prosecution issues. To that end, City Attorney Elliott asked City Manager Watson to seek advice of another attorney. Attorney Brian Hall has been retained for the parking issues.

Councilmember Buck moved to postpone the discussion on parking in parkways until a later date. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Ice.

A memo from Attorney Hall was brought up and Mayor Pro-Tem Jack stated that would have to be addressed at a different time since a vote was taken to postpone the discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Jack suggested it be brought up in Miscellaneous.

Bill 2009-86, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NO. 1 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-86 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson stated during discussion since the 2009-2010 Budget was approved, Council determined the new position of Communications Director is not prudent at this time. Council has instructed that current personnel be used and that the 2009-2010 Budget be amended removing funding for the Communications Director position. Councilmember Clark noted the Council still has strong intentions to communicate to the public, but will do so in an affordable manner. Removing the position will not take away from the Council commitment of communications. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Mayor Ice.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Buck said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark and Jack. "Nay" none. Absent: Mayor Ice. The Mayor Pro-Tem thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5552**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Exchange Server Upgrade. City Manager Watson reported Staff has been using EPSI.net for email accounts and hosting/maintaining the City's website since 2004. Civic Plus has been contracted to build our new website which will debut in late November. The exchange server upgrade will allow Staff more functionality with email by not having to rely on a third party, better security and data recovery. The higher technology will also allow better management of tasks and calendar scheduling. A calendar will be made available to anyone to check to see progress on current projects. All this will help Staff be more efficient. The upgrade is in the budget. Staff recommends approval of the upgrade. Councilmember Buck moved to approve the exchange server upgrade. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Mayor Ice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Clark:

- Thanked Councilmember Buck and Councilmember Carr for their support of the hiking/biking trails. Councilmember Clark would like to see the trails up and running by spring of 2010.

- Requested a Visioning Session to be held in November. Among the discussion items suggested were: finding out what City resources are currently under utilized; discovering what improvements could add to the quality of life issues for citizens and attract new comers to our City; and determine what long term problems that have been ignored can be addressed in 2010. The Session could provide a report card at the end of 2010 and hold Council and Staff responsible. Councilmember Clark said he would like to have the public participate in the session as well as City Staff members. City Manager Watson stated he will make appointments with Councilmembers to discuss the Visioning Session.

Councilmember Carr:

- Addressed the memo in packets regarding the right-of-way issues. Councilmember Carr said he has spent some time researching the parking issues and noted he feels there are a lot of inaccuracies in the memo from Attorney Hall. Councilmember Carr suggested Planning and Zoning Chairman Mike O'Donnell be consulted by the attorney and corrections made to the memo before Council considers the parking concerns again.

Councilmember Buck:

- Gave City Manager Watson an address on Prospect Street which has a dilapidated structure.
- Asked to have street signs erected at Ensign Trace and McElwain Drive.
- Reported on attending the Annual Lagers Retirement meeting. Councilmember Buck stated Lagers is solid and has 80 percent funding for the program. Lagers funding ranks in the top 15 percent of the nation and first in the State of Missouri. Investments have suffered with the current economy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 7:20 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk