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REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	P
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 21st day of December 2009, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Everett W. Ice presided with the following Councilmembers present: Frank A. Buck, Mark L. Carr, Dennis M. Clark and Ronnie Jack. Absent: none.

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

Minutes of the December 7, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Virginia Scott, Kathleen Wheatly and Mary Weeks, residents of the Missouri Veterans' Home-Cameron, were in attendance. The ladies served as judges for the annual Christmas lighting contest held each December. Mayor Ice thanked the ladies for their assistance with the contest and presented each of them with a City of Cameron umbrella. Ms. Darci Henry, Director of Recreational Therapy at the Home, assisted the ladies with transportation.

Mayor Ice hosted a Mayor's Reception at City Hall from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. with the assistance of his family. Mayor Ice introduced his wife Pam and children Nathan, Whitnee and Spencer who were in attendance. Also introduced were Mayor Ice's father and mother-in-law, Alan and Ruth Lohsandt of Wellington, Missouri.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Parking in the Parkway. City Manager Watson informed Council a form has been created for residents to request permission to park in the parkways. Staff continues to work on definitions that will be used and plans to have action items for Council review at the January 4, 2010 Council Session.

2. Recycling Drop-off Center at Clinco. Staff is working to formalize a process to create and build a new drop off center at the south end of the parking lot at Clinco. City Manager Watson plans to talk with DeKalb County to see if they will help create and maintain the drop-off center. The recent change to weekly recycling pick-up for the City has decreased the use of the drop off center by citizens of the City. City Manager Watson hopes that since individuals living outside the City limits are using the service perhaps DeKalb County will assist in the program.
3. Nitro Officer Funding. Senator Sam Graves' office has notified the City that the Task Force has received \$200,000 to support officers' salaries and benefits.
4. Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Development Director Shellby Hendee will be reporting on the Zone progress later in the Session.
5. Speakers in Council Chambers. Staff plans to have speakers installed in the near future.

Mayor Ice noted the "Future Agenda Items" list attached to the City Manager's Report. He asked to have updates on the progress of the West Street project included. City Manager Watson reported a Street Committee meeting is being planned. Once the Committee has met and been updated, another meeting will be held with the residents living along West Street.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. The Commission will hold a public hearing January 11, 2010 regarding the Airport Height and Hazard Plan.
2. Clinton County Zoning Office Closed – City Effect. Personnel issues have forced the closing of the Zoning Office. The City was working with the Clinton County office on an Enhanced Enterprise Zone, the Height and Hazard Plan and Great Northwest Day at the Capitol. Lack of personnel has impacted these projects.
3. US 36 Heritage Alliance. Script for an audio CD has arrived for Staff review. The audio will guide tourists across US 36 noting points of interest across the State of Missouri. The Missouri State Fair Board has decided to use the theme "US 36, the way of American Geniuses" as a part of the State Fair held in August.
4. Communications. Staff plans to create a Civic Center in the corner of the main lobby which will include literature racks and eventually a TV screen displaying a public access channel.
5. Tourism Commission. The Commission is currently inactive. Staff plans to move forward as Council has requested and fill the positions on the Commission. Discussion is being held on increasing the number of positions on the Board from five (5) to perhaps seven (7) or nine (9). The increased number of commissioners would allow more input on tourism issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2009-93, AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING THE DeKALB COUNTY ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE AND ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT RATE FOR THE DeKALB COUNTY ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE WHICH ENCOMPASSES PART OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND

DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-93 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson reported work has been going on for several weeks on the Enhanced Enterprise Zone with both Clinton and DeKalb Counties. At some point in time, City Manager Watson would like to have the City removed from the County zones and create a new City of Cameron Enhanced Enterprise Zone. The Zones have a 50 percent abatement incentive for real property for at least ten (10) years. Eligible industrial companies can negotiate additional terms. An Advisory Commission will be formed to make recommendations to the Counties. The County Commissioners will have authority in the Zones. Staff recommends approval. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

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, Carr, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5559**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2009-94, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 26, HOME OCCUPATIONS OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE AND ENACTING NEW CATERING AND MEDICAL CLINIC REGULATIONS THEREIN FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-94 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Buck to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Hendee stated Bill 2009-94 is basically a housekeeping bill in that it clarifies definitions and removes conflicting language. The catering definition will prohibit restaurant appliances in residential areas. Permitted home cooking will require use of normal household appliances. Medical clinics are allowed in one section and prohibited in another. Bill 2009-94 removes medical clinics from the prohibited list. The Planning and Zoning Commission and Staff recommend approval. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Jack said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon

declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5560**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2009-95, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 31, CONDITIONAL USES, OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE AND CLARIFYING STATE DAY CARE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS THEREIN FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-95 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Hendee explained the State of Missouri requires an applicant for a day care license to have a City license and the City requires a state license before issuing a City license. Bill 2009-95 amends the City requirement so that a State license must be obtained prior to commencing day care operations within the City. Staff recommends approval. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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, Carr, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5561**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2009-96, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO CONSTRUCT CURB AND GUTTER ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF FIFTH STREET AT 418 NORTH MEAD STREET**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-96 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson reported a collapsed storm drain on Mead Street has necessitated improvements which include curb and guttering. The curb and guttering at 418 North Mead Street will improve the entire neighborhood. This proposed project is being done outside the normal curb and gutter program. The estimated cost for the installation of the curb and gutter by the City is \$3,000. It was noted that a release had been signed by the owner of the property and this would be an additional step added to the improvements. City Attorney Elliott stated there could be issues but feels this is a unique, one of a kind situation. Staff recommends approval. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote:

“Aye”: Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Ice and Jack. “Nay” none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5562**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2009-24, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, PERSONNEL GUIDELINES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON IN REFERENCE TO COMPENSATION ISSUES** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2009-24 were available for the public. Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh explained this change would be an incentive for employees to acquire certification for their position. The Electric and Water Departments would both benefit from the incentive program. Upon completion of an applicable certification program which generally takes one (1) year, employees would be granted a step increase in their salary. The step increase would be a 2.2 percent increase in salary. City Manager Watson noted having the areas of certification in place will provide a more advanced Staff and be a benefit when personnel absences, etc. occur. The Personnel Committee has reviewed the compensation issues and along with Staff recommends approval. Resolution 2009-24 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council the annual independent audit is currently being conducted by Westbrook and Company.
- Reminded Council of the Sunshine Law training that is scheduled in January 2010 at the Public Safety Building.
- Noted that collection of personal and real estate property taxes is approximately \$105,000 behind collections from the same date in 2008.

Councilmember Clark:

- Wished all a Merry Christmas and said he is looking forward to 2010. The City has great potential to accomplish great things.

Councilmember Buck:

- Also expressed Christmas wishes to all.
- Reminded Staff of his request to discuss the speed limit in the Ensign Trace and McElwain Drive area with the Missouri Department of Transportation.

City Manager Watson:

- Echoed the Holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and said he is looking forward to a progressive year 2010.

Chief of Police Corey Sloan:

- Informed all in attendance of a potential winter storm and advised all to be careful and safe.

Mayor Ice:

- Was pleased to see the notice to customers regarding the construction work on the water improvement project in the Council packet.
- Invited citizens to file for Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 7:10 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Buck.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk