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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 4th day of January 2010, 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 21, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alliance Water Refund Presentation – Bob Ross. Bob Ross, Alliance Water Resources, presented the City with a refund check for \$18,602. The annual expenses came in less than anticipated, resulting in a refund per the annual contract. Staff changes affected the refund this fiscal year.

Lori Mattox, 1020 Todd, addressed Council regarding the utility service disconnection for non-payment of bills. Ms. Mattox told Council she had mailed her payment and was not aware the check was not received by the City and her water service was disconnected. A survey of other cities, conducted by Ms. Mattox regarding water disconnects policies and procedures, was distributed to Council for their review. Mayor Ice informed Ms. Mattox that Staff is working on a new policy for this very issue. City Manager Watson recommended Utility Committees meet and bring suggestions to the January 19, 2010 Council Session.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Snow Event. City Manager Watson reported the City has received more “thank you’s” than complaints. Staff members from Public Works, the Water Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department all worked together during the storms.
2. Certificate of Deposit Report. City Manager Watson distributed a report which listed all the certificates of deposit the City has in various banks. Money is on deposit in all four (4) local banks and three (3) area banks. Currently, the City has \$6,182,334 on deposit. The financial institutions all have pledged securities in place safe guarding the funds.
3. Council Visioning Process. Council was reminded the 2010 Visioning Session is scheduled for January 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.
4. Utility Billing Options. City Manager Watson reported Utility Billing Clerk Glenda Atkinson has been diligently working on several options for bill payments. Currently customers can pay their bills using ACH, credit cards, cash or checks. Staff is working on acquiring a level billing option as well as an on-line bill pay system. Council asked Staff to consider an auto dial system or perhaps a hang tag process to notify customers when their utilities are about to be disconnected. City Manager Watson said he has been discussing remote meter reading systems with other city managers and feels there are some options and advantages to the remote systems that would be helpful in similar situations.
5. McElwain Drive Signage. The Missouri Department of Transportation will have to go through the State office in Jefferson City in order to determine what size the street signs should be. The City will soon be placing street signs in City right-of-way.
6. City Manager Watson asked Public Works Director Drew Bontrager and Chief of Police Corey Sloan to give reports of the recent snow event. Chief Sloan noted that situational awareness was vital during the significant snow event. Emergency management came into play with a 53 minutes power outage and 30 to 45 mile an hour winds. A shelter was opened for stranded motorists. The Police Department had many calls for service during the event. Police Officers helped dig numerous vehicles from windrows on emergency snow routes. The Department has three (3) four wheel drive vehicles that were in use 24 hours a day. Public Works Director Bontrager reported his Staff spent a total of 630 hours on snow removal. 301 hours of that time were overtime hours spent by six (6) or seven (7) employees. The City contracted with Walker Dozing and Duffy Reynolds to haul snow from the down town area. There were approximately 650 single axle dump truck loads of snow removed to the dog pound. The pound location is full and any more snow will be hauled to a site on Pence Road. 65 percent of the annual salt supply has been used to date. Following the snow event, Staff has spent time evaluating and planning for future events. One need that surfaced during the follow-up discussion was the ability to move the portable generator from storage to the emergency shelter location. Chief Sloan said that the Public Works Department normally moves the generator when a need arises. However, the Public Works Department was extremely busy with snow removal. A local business heard the generator needed to be moved and stepped up to assist with moving the generator to the shelter location. The Fire Department assisted with traffic management during the storm.

Mayor Ice asked what progress has been made on the request from residents living on South West Street. City Manager Watson said a Street Committee meeting is scheduled for noon on Thursday.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. The Commission will meet January 11, 2010. Public hearings will be conducted regarding: airport height and hazard regulations; sight triangles at intersections; permitted uses to include public facilities; and, to redefine structures. Open burning regulations will also be discussed.
2. MoDOT Transportation Update. Discussions are continuing on pedestrian access on the US 36/US 69 overpass. A railing could be placed on the concrete to increase safety on the overpass.
3. Valley Brook Close-out. The Community Development Block Grant used during the construction of Valley Brook Subdivision is now officially closed out. A few Home Buyers Assistance liens still need to be released. \$20,000 remaining from the Assistance Program has been approved by CDBG officials for use to demolish dangerous structures within the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2010-1, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 7-1, DEFINITIONS, AND 7-3, STATE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, OF ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 7 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Chief Sloan informed Council the City tow units and trailer regulations did not mirror State of Missouri regulations. Bill 2010-1 will put the City Code in compliance with State regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Clark 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 5563**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2010-2, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT DATED APRIL 21, 2008 WITH HDR/ARCHER ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh told Council this Bill covers design and service necessary to include the additional 5,000 feet of mains for the water improvement project. The initial bids came in lower than the engineers' estimates and the receipt of stimulus money has allowed the additional work to be done. Staff will also be able to remove and replace 24 meters that are currently inside homes. The meters will be moved to yard access for meter reading purposes. The contract amount will increase \$43,674. Discussion was also held on replacing some mains in older areas of the City. Staff was commended for their efforts in securing a \$1 million grant to be used for the water improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack 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 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 5564**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Reported that no one has filed for election to Council in the April 2010 General Election. Filing closes January 19, 2010.

Councilmember Jack:

- Said he is proud of the work City Staff did during the winter storm event.

Councilmember Clark:

- Commended Chief Sloan, Public Works Director Bontrager and City Manager Watson for the work done during the storm. All the work went extremely well with the combined efforts of all the Departments.
- Asked that Staff communicate with Ms. Mattox within two (2) weeks regarding the City disconnect policy.

Councilmember Carr:

- Thanked the Public Works Department for all the work done during the snow event.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked about the time of the Sunshine Law training scheduled for January 13, 2010 at the Public Safety Building. The training is at 11:00 a.m. with the public invited to attend. Another training session is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. for law enforcement officials.

City Manager Watson:

- Said he is looking forward to the New Year.
- Commended Staff for the work done during the snow event.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Reminded all the next Council Session will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2010. This is also the date the Council filing closes.

Mayor Ice:

- Gave accolades to Staff for all their hard work.
- Wished all in attendance a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 7:18 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk