

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2010**

SPECIAL SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Special Session on Monday, the 25th day of January 2010, at four o'clock p.m. at City Hall to hold a Visioning Session. Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Jack presided with the following Councilmembers present: Frank A. Buck and Dennis M. Clark. Absent: Mark L. Carr and Everett W. Ice.

Present were City Manager David Watson and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

City Manager Watson opened the Visioning Session informing all in attendance that the Session would be informal. Council and Staff questionnaires regarding visions for the future of the City of Cameron were reviewed.

4:10 p.m. Councilmember Carr arrived.

City Manager Watson stated a two (2) year vision would be productive for the City. There were citizens in the Chamber for the Session and City Manager Watson noted if Council wanted citizen input, they could recognize the citizen. Focus and healthy debate are encouraged.

Lists of accomplishments submitted by both Council and Staff were reviewed. Communications was one of the items on the list that was discussed in the following areas:

- a second Public Participation was added to the regular agenda
- a change was made in the time the Council Session is being held
- the website has added many avenues of communication to the public
- it was felt that controversial decisions are being slowed down to allow more public input
- it was suggested that there always be a "why" involved in all communications
- the accomplishments of the City should be made public
- the need for a working communication plan was emphasized
- it was felt that the Comprehensive Plan should be referenced in most if not all the actions taken by the City

- Discussion was held on using a regional approach for such things as entertainment, jails, libraries, courts and fire districts.

5:20 p.m. Mayor Ice arrived.

Public comments were allowed. Council candidate Keith Swindler suggested informative signs should be on a level understood by all. Inspector Clyde Han added the ongoing efforts for a regional animal shelter. Tourism and the airport were also mentioned for regional efforts.

Ongoing priorities were discussed.

- Walnut Street improvements, including streetscape
- communications
- water as a resource
- storm water and sewer and infrastructure
- livability – quality of life
- recreation center
- economic opportunities
- communications
- parks

6:00 p.m. Council recessed and resumed the Visioning Session at 6:25 p.m.

Prioritizing and implementing a visioning plan using the Comprehensive Plan was stressed on the following as priorities:

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- quality of life
- communications

A complete list will be formulated for Council review. A list of core areas with corresponding projects will be sent to Council electronically in the next two (2) weeks for individual prioritizing. Then an action plan will be formed. The prioritized set of actions will contain a time line for accomplishment with designated Staff responsible.

City Manager Watson said he plans to hold quarterly updates on the Visioning Session progress.

There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk