

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 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 January 19, 2010 Regular Session and the January 25, 2010 Special Session, meetings were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Proclamation – Eagle Scout Recognition for Emerson Wayne Morrison. Mayor Ice read and presented a proclamation to Emerson Wayne Morrison recognizing his accomplishment of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Emerson is the son of Dwayne and Debbi Morrison of Hamilton, Missouri. Eagle Scout Morrison demonstrated outstanding initiative, competence and success in his recent Community Service Project, consisting of a 20 x 28 foot shelter house at the Hamilton, Missouri reservoir. The Community Service Project developed by Scout Morrison “has improved the Hamilton reservoir land where children and adults alike can enhance their quality of life by enjoying the outdoors and connecting with nature”. Eagle Scout Emerson Morrison received a standing ovation from the Council and citizens in the Council Chamber.

Proclamation – Boy Scouts of America 100 Years of Scouting. Mayor Ice read a proclamation recognizing 100 years of scouting by the Boy Scouts of America as Scout Week in the City of Cameron, Missouri. The proclamation was presented to Scout Leader Robert Yardley for Troop 87. Mayor Ice presented each scout in attendance a City of Cameron lapel pin.

Al Briggs, 1319 DeKalb Drive, invited Council and all in attendance to come to the Stella Grinstead Nutrition Center February 11, 2010 to celebrate one (1) year of the “Community Supper”. The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome to make a free will donation.

Keith Swindler, 908 West Cornhill, said a family member had recently moved into a nursing home. The family member donated furniture to the new Domestic Violence Shelter in Cameron.

City Manager Watson recognized members of the Venture Crew that were in attendance. The Venture Crew consists of youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who assist the Citizen Emergency Response Team of Cameron.

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

1. Council Vision 2010 – Process. City Manager Watson informed Council work continues on the process to be used in prioritizing the Council vision. Lists of the items to be prioritized will be distributed to Council this week. City Manager Watson said a discussion will be held on prioritizing the list at a Special Council Session scheduled for noon on Thursday, February 11, 2010. An amendment to the water improvement contract with C&S Construction will also be considered at the February 11, 2010 Special Council Session.
2. The regular date for the second meeting in February falls on President’s Day which is a national holiday. City Hall will be closed and Staff recommends holding the Regular Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Staff was asked to prepare a Resolution asking the Missouri Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit within the corporate City Limits on US 36 at the McElwain Drive and Ensign Trace intersection. Councilmember Buck moved to hold a Special Council Session February 11, 2010 and move the second Regular Session to February 16, 2010. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

### **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The report was given by City Manager Watson. Development Director Shellby Hendee was in Jefferson City, Missouri attending the Great Northwest Day at the Capitol.

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet February 8, 2010 to review draft bills that amend definitions of “structure” and “site triangles”. A Public hearing will also be held for a conditional use permit for a number of dogs at 424 Clifton Drive.
2. DeKalb County has submitted to the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development for approval of their Enhanced Enterprise Zone. City Manager Watson also informed Council that Clinton County has hired a Development Director and plans will move forward with an EEZ in Clinton County.

3. Deeds of Release for properties in Valley Brook will come to Council in the near future.
4. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager will be conducting a training class on the height and hazard regulations this coming Friday.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bill 2010-4, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE V, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CHAPTER 6, LICENSE AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-4 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Buck to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Chief of Police Corey Sloan reviewed with Council the Executive Summary that he had prepared. Danny Peto, Missouri Liquor Control agent was also present to answer any questions Council might have. Council expressed appreciation for the work performed by Chief Sloan on the Summary. Chief Sloan reminded Council the proposed Code changes comply with the Missouri State Statutes. Staff will notify all license holders of the proposed changes. Motion carried unanimously. Bill 2010-4 will be read on third reading at the February 16, 2010 Council Session.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill 2010-6, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 5-34, BURNING YARD WASTE, OF DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, ARTICLE III, REFUSE, IN CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION, OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-6 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Inspector Clyde Han reviewed Bill 2010-6 noting that the current Code does not address recreational fires such as fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. The proposed changes in Bill 2010-6 will allow recreational fires as well as: change the minimum required distance from a structure to a burn pile; establish allowable wind speed tolerance using the national Weather Service; and, establish guidelines for "acceptable" fire suppression equipment. Chief Sloan said these changes mirror the International Fire Code. Permits are issued upon request to Cameron R-1 School District for their annual Homecoming Bon Fire and to various churches for occasional ceremonial fires. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack 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 Clark 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 5568**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Discussion was held regarding yard waste disposal for the elderly of the community. The refuse contract was recently amended and removed yard waste from the weekly pickup during the summer months making it a hardship for some citizens to get rid of yard waste.

**Bill 2010-7, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING AND REPLACING CERTAIN SECTIONS 8-201, 8-202, 8-203, 8-204, AND 8-206 OF ARTICLE IV, FIREWORKS OF CHAPTER 8 OFFENSES, MISCELLANEOUS OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-7 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Chief Sloan said the current Code bans aerial fireworks and noted that it is virtually impossible to enforce the ban. We have not had fireworks stands within the City Limits for four (4) or five (5) years. Inspector Han accompanies the State Fire Inspector to inspect stands located near the City. The proposed changes include: adding definitions in line with State fireworks laws; allowing the sale and discharge of aerial fireworks within the City Limits; and, a provision for the City Manager, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, to ban aerial fireworks due to weather conditions. 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 5569**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2010-8, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES (ATF) NORTHWEST MISSOURI INTERAGENCY TEAM RESPONSE OPERATION (NITRO) TASK FORCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE MOU AND AGREEMENT**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-8 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 told Council the NITRO Task Force was formed in 2002 to address violent crime in Northwest Missouri. The City, along with other agencies in Northwest Missouri, has been a supporter of these efforts. David Linn, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent, related to Council that the uniqueness of this association has proven extremely successful over the years. Over \$300,000 has been spent by ATF buying evidence and paying for wire taps impacting the Northwest Missouri region immensely. Chief Sloan and Mr. Linn both agree this is a very valuable partnership which has been very successful. Chief Sloan noted crime would be a lot higher without the Task Force. Staff recommends approval of Bill 2010-8. 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 5570**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council Staff continues to work on the disconnect process for non-payment of utility bills.
- Updated Council on the implementation of on-line bill payment options. Utility Clerk Glenda Atkinson has been working with vendors collecting information on how on-line bill paying can be used in conjunction with Data Tech, our utility bill software company. Staff will be preparing a recommendation for Council consideration in the near future.
- Work has also been ongoing to establish a level pay plan for utility accounts. Staff hopes to launch both on-line bill payment option and the level pay option in June or July 2010.
- Told Council a Heartland Coach Bus driver has requested City of Cameron lapel pins to take to the Winter Olympics. The driver hopes to create some interest for folks to visit Cameron.
- Said the annual Cameron Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held March 20, 2010. City Clerk O'Connor will make reservations for Council who are able to attend.

Councilmember Clark:

- Thanked Staff for the email written by Utility Clerk Atkinson explaining the increase seen on recent utility bills. Extreme weather conditions were the major contributor to the larger bills. An article will be in the newspaper to help customers understand the larger bills.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked that the “Budget Bill” notation on the monthly utility bill be changed to “Level Pay”. Council agreed most customers would be more familiar with the term “Level Pay”.

City Manager Watson:

- Noted the Level Bill plan has requirements. A customer must be in good standing for at least 12 months with no late payments. If the customer misses one (1) month, they would be bumped out of the Level Bill plan for at least a year when they could then re-qualify.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Said he has had many positive comments about the City’s new website.

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

APPROVED:

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Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

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City Clerk