

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2010**

REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
David Fry	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 19th day of April 2010, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Dennis M. Clark presided with the following Councilmembers present: Frank A. Buck, Mark L. Carr, David Fry 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 April 12, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Watson asked Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh to update Council on a water main break that occurred today with the water improvement project. The contractor inadvertently hit the main. Areas affected: Eagle's Landing Subdivision, Connell Park Subdivision, Park Avenue and Chestnut Street. As a precautionary measure, a boil advisory has been issued until noon Wednesday. Staff has gone door to door with fliers informing customers of the boil advisory. The local media has been notified and an article has been placed on the City's website. The contractor will take care of any expenses incurred from the break.
2. Project Report. City Manager Watson distributed a draft list of projects that Council will be updated on routinely. Items discussed during the 2010 Visioning process will be focal points. A Special Council Session will be scheduled allowing Council to prioritize the project list.
3. A plan to consolidate Electric Department facilities at a central location in Crossroads Corporate Center was discussed. The Department has operations located on Main

Street and on Orange Street. City Manager Watson asked permission to begin a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to engage an architectural firm for the project. Council questioned the need for the Electric Department consolidation versus the need for street repairs, asking if it would be feasible to spend money on this project when there are great needs in the Street Department maintenance budget. City Manager Watson explained Electric Department funds could not be spent on street maintenance. Director of Utilities Gaugh informed Council the Utility Departments do transfer a franchise fee of five (5) percent to General Fund monthly. This transfer percentage is more than the national average for utility companies. City Manager Watson explained there will be no cost involved in the RFQ process. Once a firm has been identified, Council would then be asked to approve the project.

4. City Manager Watson informed Council that Director of Utilities Gaugh has worked with the Federal Government to recoup fuel sales tax that has been paid by the City over the last three (3) years. Director of Utilities Gaugh submitted forms and the City will be reimbursed \$18,714. A law firm had contacted the City and offered to get the refund for approximately half of the amount recovered. Mayor Clark thanked Staff for their initiative in collecting the entire amount.
5. Street Maintenance. A corrective asphalt material will be applied to 37,000 square yards of streets. This is a rejuvenating maintenance process that will add a number of years to the life of the streets. Mayor Clark noted this is a fairly new program that is aggressive for streets and will help keep streets from failing.
6. City Manager Watson stated a budget adjustment will come before Council the first meeting in May. The adjustment will not include street maintenance projects. A Special Council Session will be scheduled to address street maintenance. Staff will include an exchange server in the budget adjustment.

Questions for the City Manager:

- Status of storm water issues presented by citizens at previous Council Sessions? City Manager Watson said he would update Council on the issues at the May 3, 2010 Council Session.
- Waiting list for hangers at the Municipal Airport? City Manager Watson stated he would address airport hangers at the next Council Session.
- Street funding? Where will the funds come from for the street maintenance program? City Manager Watson informed Council this would be the focus of the stand alone Special Session that will be scheduled for this issue.
- Improvements at Grand and Griffin? Bob F. Griffin Road north of Grand Avenue and Griffin Road south of Grand Avenue will both be closed during the project. Part time Staff has been hired to help with the curb and guttering needed for the project. City Manager Watson plans to hire an inspector who will be dedicated to the Grand and Griffin improvement project.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission will meet April 20, 2010 and consider a site plan for the relocation of the Dollar General Store; revisions to the

Conditional Use Permit list to include “office” uses; and, attendance requirements for Commissioners.

2. Legislative Update. Development Director Shellby Hendee reported no action has been taken regarding tax credit reform. The proposed changes would reduce the monetary cap to \$80 million.
3. Graceland University is partnering with Bank Midwest for office space and classroom space.
4. Jennifer Turley of Plattsburg has announced her restaurant, JJ’s, will soon open in the former Chazzie’s building on Third Street.
5. Development Director Hendee informed Council Bill Hall’s term on the Tax Increment Financing Commission will expire in June. Mr. Hall has agreed to serve another term if reappointed. Former Mayor Everett Ice also served on the Commission and Development Director Hendee urged Council to appoint another Councilmember to the Commission.

Questions for the Development Director:

- Should Council consider an attendance policy for all Boards and Commissions? This will be remanded to the Council Personnel Committee.
- Has Case New Holland met all employment requirements for the Community Development Block Grant for McElwain Drive? Development Director Hendee reported all requirements have been met.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2010-18, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4, DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE 33, FENCES, OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AND AMENDING THE TERM “SIGHT TRIANGLE” THEREIN, was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-18 were available for the public. Staff recommends approval of Bill 2010-18. On motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr said bill was placed on third reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Fry and Jack. “Nay” none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5590**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2010-19, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 13, “R-1”, SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT, OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND PERMITTING PUBLIC FACILITIES THEREIN, was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-19 were available for the public. Staff recommends approval of Bill 2010-19. On motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Jack said bill was placed on third reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Fry and Jack. “Nay” none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5591**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2010-22, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AMENDING ARTICLE 4, DEFINITIONS, OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE AND AMENDING THE TERM “STRUCTURE” THEREIN, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-22 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Staff recommends passing Bill 2010-22 on second reading. Bill 2010-22 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2010-30, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING FULL DEEDS OF RELEASE IN SATISFACTION OF DEEDS OF TRUST FOR FIVE (5) OWNERS OF LOTS IN VALLEY BROOK SUBDIVISION, was read by title by City Clerk O’Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-30 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Hendee stated this releases the Deeds of Trust from the forgivable down payments for low-to-moderate income families purchasing homes in Valley Brook Subdivision. Four (4) of the five (5) being released have met the requirement of living in the home for three (3) years. The fifth owner sold the property after two (2) years and reimbursed the City \$1,000. Staff recommends approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Carr 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 Jack 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, Fry and Jack. “Nay” none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5592**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Cemetery Board Appointment. City Clerk O’Connor reported there are two (2) vacancies on the five (5) member advisory board. Virginia Rhodes has expressed an interest in serving on the Cemetery Board. Following review of Ms. Rhodes resume, Councilmember Buck moved to appoint Virginia Rhodes to the Cemetery Board. Councilmember Carr seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Clark noted the agenda had been amended to add the following item.

Liquor License Change Request – Breakers Billiards. Councilmember Buck moved to approve the legal description change. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. Discussion. City Clerk O’Connor said George Drumheller, Breakers Billiards, has requested a one-time change in the legal description of the area where his current liquor license has been issued. The

request is in conjunction with the annual Aces for Aiden golf tournament which raises money to benefit families of children with special needs. Councilmember Carr and Councilmember Fry expressed concern about the atmosphere being created by allowing drinking outdoors and the potential affect on young people. Both Councilmembers acknowledged the fundraiser was admirable. Mayor Clark noted that other fundraiser licenses had been granted in the past and stated the City should not treat this request differently. Mayor Clark asked for a roll call vote. "Aye": Buck, Clark and Jack. "Nay": Carr and Fry. The request was approved on the roll call vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Swindler, 908 West Cornhill, commended Councilmember Carr and Fry for their position on the liquor license request. Mr. Swindler asked why the public is not allowed to address issues at the time the Council votes.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Jack:

- Discussed a driveway issue created by street overlays at 700 East Second Street.

Councilmember Fry:

- Stated that just because things have always been done a certain way, does not mean they should continue that way. Issues need to be looked at on a case by case basis and Council needs to take a stand when warranted.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked for Council support to extend yard waste burning. City Manager Watson said an extension until May 9, 2010 is already in place. Following the end of the open burning period, citizens may apply for a burn permit from the City Manager.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Commended Mayor Clark on his first meeting as Mayor.

There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

City Clerk