CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JUNE 21, 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 21st day of June 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 June 7, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bruce Witt – Sign Regulations. Mr. Witt withdrew his request to speak to Council prior to the Council Session.

There was no other public participation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Noted City Hall will be closed on July 5, 2010 in observance of the 4th of July holiday. July 5th is the date of the first Council Session for July. City Manager Watson informed Council that Staff has reviewed agenda items and one (1) Regular Council Session for July will be sufficient. Councilmember Buck moved to cancel the July 5, 2010 Regular Council Session. Councilmember Fry seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.
2. Web GIS. City Manager Watson gave an informative demonstration of our web based GIS system. The GIS is available to the public on the City's website.

3. Global Connect. Work continues with Global Connect to provide a reverse 911 system that can be used to notify customers and citizens of weather alerts, boil orders and past due utility bills.
4. Exchange Server. Staff expects to have the email server, back up hardware and URL filtering system installed by late July.
5. Update on Questions by Council:
   a. Flying J. The slab and footer from the demolition are being removed.
   b. Greenridge Subdivision. A 25 foot strip of right-of-way has been mowed in the subdivision for safety issues.
   c. Sparkle Carwash. The demolition debris has been removed.
   d. Demolition is underway at 417 North Mead.
   e. Church trailer. The River of Life Baptist Church pastor has called and is trying to comply with the deadline but weather is prohibiting action needed to solve the parking issue. More time has been given to the church to remedy the situation.
   f. Right-of way signs. Code enforcement will contact any real estate company that has placed signs in the right-of-way and ask them to move them to private property.
6. Bartlett and West Engineering firm is working on water line issues regarding Woodridge Lane and also the request from Jim Tyrrell for sewer hookup in the same area. The engineers will let the City know the best avenue to connect sewer service for both Tyrrell and the ten (10) residents living on Woodridge Lane.
7. City Manager Watson asked Council to consider conflicting street names such as Little Brick Street on one side of Walnut Street and the other side of Walnut the name is Baldwin Road; also, Bob F. Griffin Road and Griffin Road. There will be more discussion later on this subject.
8. City Manager Watson informed Council that on July 15, 2010 Court Clerk Cecilia Rittenhouse will begin working for the Administration Department on Thursdays and Fridays. Ms. Rittenhouse will be in charge of the telephones and also assisting Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh and Public Works Director Drew Bontrager on projects.
9. The Missouri Department of Transportation has made the street signs for McElwain Drive and US 36. The installation date has not been set.
10. City Council packets are now being scanned and available on the City's website in an effort to keep our citizens informed.
11. City Manager Watson discussed a new program partnering the City with Western Missouri Correctional Center to train waif dogs for adoption. The kickoff event will be July 6, 2010.

Councilmember Carr asked about the status of agenda items which were to have regular reports made to Council, i.e. the sidewalk on the US 36 overpass and storm water issues. City Manager Watson responded the reports will be out this week.

Mayor Clark complemented City Manager Watson and Staff for placing the Council packet on the website.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. Development Director Hendee reported there are no action items for Council consideration at this time. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on adding terms to conditional use permits. As a result of the hearing, the Commission is favoring adding "office", "bed and breakfast", and "photo studios" to the permitted list. The Commission is reviewing use and occupancy of recreational vehicles and looking at language for sign requirement updates. The Commission decided to take an active role with Vision Priority initiatives which will include the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Commercial Activity. JJ's Restaurant has opened on Third Street. Jonez Travel Mart is planning a major expansion and will implement Tax Increment Financing and possibly a Transportation Development District (TDD). The TDD allows a self imposed property tax.
3. US 36 4-Lane Opening. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony July 10, 2010 in Macon, Missouri for a four (4) mile stretch of US 36 opening.
4. Tourism Commission. Development Director Hendee asked permission to begin the process of filling the vacancies on the Tourism Commission. The Tourism Commission is in the Code. The Commission was deactivated and Staff is asking to reactivate the Commission. There were no Council objections. The Commission is not being formed to seek a hotel/motel tax. Development Director Hendee will seek members for the Tourism Commission.
5. Homeless Youth. Development Director Hendee reported there are a number of young people homeless in Cameron. An effort has been started by an ad hoc group to address and meet the needs of the homeless youth.
6. A sales and marketing brochure prepared by Northwest Roundtable was distributed to Council. There is a blank section on the brochure for use by the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2010-35, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 302.8, INOPERATIVE VEHICLES, OF ARTICLE IX, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF CHAPTER 3, BUILDINGS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI CODE AND ADDING CLARIFICATION FOR UNLICENSED AND EXPIRED LICENSE PLATES,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on third reading by roll call. Discussion. City Manager Watson clarified the intent of Bill 2010-35. Bill 2010-35 does not change the code, rather it simply is a title change to include "unlicensed and expired license plates". This clarifies violation terminology that is not related to junk and/or inoperative vehicles. City Manager Watson also explained Staff policy on reading a bill that changes the Code at three (3) separate Council Sessions. The three (3) separate readings provide the time and the opportunity for citizens to ask questions. Bill 2010-35 is being read for the third time and will become law with its passage. Bill 2010-35 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 5601**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2010-38, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 6-243, RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, PHILANTHROPIC, PATRIOTIC OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE, AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 6-245 OF SAME TO PROHIBIT SOLICITATION ON CITY STREETS,** was read on second reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-38 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously. City Manager Watson clarified the intent of Bill 2010-38 informing Council the main issue is the safety concern involved in soliciting in right-of-ways. City Manager Watson contacted organizations that have conducted fundraisers using this avenue in the past and found that all of them have abandoned the right-of-way solicitations because of safety issues. Bill 2010-38 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2010-9, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A 2001 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM THE REGION H HOMELAND SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. City Manager Watson explained this is an opportunity to acquire a vehicle which will allow the Fire Department to have a command response vehicle. Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell told Council as first responders, he and the Assistant Fire Chief Mike Walser are using their personal vehicles to get to the scene and assess situation. The 2001 Tahoe will be equipped with the necessary tools for emergency response. Chief O'Donnell said another vehicle will also be donated by Region H Homeland Security for the same use. Resolution 2010-9 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Jack:

- Stated the real estate sign issue should be complaint driven. City Manager Watson said the Code Enforcement Officer was following up on garage sale sign violation when she identified the real estate sign violation.
- Discussed the Code violation with the trailer parked at the church. City Manager Watson said the land use part of the Code was questioned and not the hard surface needed for parking.

Councilmember Carr:

- Asked about a request from the Christian Church to cost share in the paving of an alley. City Manager Watson said there was no update on the request at this time.

- Inquired if attention had been given to providing shelter at the Stella Grinstead Nutrition Center for individuals waiting for the Jefferson Bus Line. City Manager Watson replied no one has been assigned to this request.
- Questioned the progress of gaining a sidewalk across US Highway 36. City Manager Watson stated that Staff has been assigned and met with the Missouri Department of Transportation. Public Works Director Bontrager will meet again with MoDOT July 6th or 7th, 2010.
- Asked if there was any progress on starting a tree lot. City Manager Watson said the back side of Evergreen Cemetery is a location being considered.
- Requested a storm water update/report. City Manager Watson said this would be covered in the Visioning Update.
- Wanted to know the status of the Walnut Street and the streetscape policy. City Manager Watson stated no physical action has taken place.
- Noted MoDOT is planning to resurface Walnut in 2011 and asked if the City is prepared with the infrastructure that could be involved. City Manager Watson said the Missouri Department of Transportation is not funding the resurfacing for 2011, but noted the City plans to encourage MoDOT to keep the funding in future budgets.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked what the date is for venders to sell fireworks. Staff will get the information back to Council.
- Wondered about the progress on the water tower. City Manager Watson noted there is electrical work that remains to be done.
- Inquired about the status of a request for MoDOT to consider changing the speed limit on US Highway 36 within the City Limits. City Manager Watson said there has been no word from MoDOT on the request.
- Asked how much money is in the street maintenance line item. City Manager Watson responded less than $100,000. Councilmember Buck asked what street repairs have been done. City Manager Watson said the Grand Avenue/Griffin Road project is being finished. There has also been some chip and sealing done along with some micro sealing. Staff is moving toward repair work on Eighth Street this budget year and also a chip and seal on West Street.
- Asked about the one (1) percent sales tax. The sales tax was passed in 1977. There was no specific use for the tax money in the ballot language.
- Questioned whose responsibility it is for sidewalks and street cuts that have been damaged by the water improvement project. City Manager Watson responded it is the contractor's responsibility. The water improvement project is on schedule at this time.
- Noted a problem of dog owners not cleaning up after their pets, especially at the Park Valley Ball Field complex. City Attorney Elliott suggested installation of a "poop box" at the complex.

Mayor Clark:

- Stated the City is a lean organization trying to accomplish many tasks. Visioning Session actions are trying to address various issues and once those are accomplished, the City will see radical changes in the future.
- Suggested pulling back on compliant based issues and allowing the City Manager and Code Enforcement to see if there is a necessity to act. Councilmember Carr noted that Staff in place to do code enforcement, if this action is adopted, then there would be no reason for that staff to work for the City.

City Manager Watson presented Visioning reports.

- Red Team. City Clerk O'Connor reported Red Team assignments are: seasonal decorations, street signs and Volunteer and resource center. The main focus to date has been on replacing older street signs. Discussions on holiday lighting in Recreation Park have taken place with plans being formulated. The Volunteer and Resource Center topic has had some interest shown by a citizen who plans to rehabilitate one of his properties to fit the needs of several organizations.
- Gold Team assignments: Storm water management; and, walking, bicycling, and equestrian trails system. Parks Maintenance Coordinator Steve Garr and Water Plant Superintendent Paul Rinehart will be laying out the first leg of the trails on the west side of Reservoir Two in the next two weeks.
- Black Team assignments: inflow and infiltration improvement plan; and, Walnut Street improvements.

Mayor Clark stated the City is attempting to do some very complicated things and thanked Staff for their work and dedication.

There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk