

CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
November 15, 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 15th day of November 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 November 1, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Fry.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Discussion of McElwain Drive/Ensign Trace Intersection at US Highway 36. Missouri Department of Transportation Engineers Don Wichern, Jody Carlson and Chris Bohler were present to discuss possible actions to be taken to provide safety at the intersection. There have been two (2) fatalities at the intersection within the last year. The speed in the corporate City Limits has been reduced to 55 miles per hour. Mr. Wichern noted the Department knew there was a potential for serious injuries at the intersection and that is why an agreement is in place between the Department and the City. Lighting at the intersection was discussed and Mr. Wichern said the Department will conduct a meter test. City Manager Watson said Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh has been working with Allgeier Martin Company about additional street lighting. It will cost an estimated \$100,000 to continue the street lights to the corporate City limits. Mr. Wichern stated the intersection needs to be modified and changing the design is the safest thing to do. Approximately 2,000 vehicles travel

through the intersection daily. Possible changes could be “right in – right out” or a “Michigan U turn”. Further reduction of the speed limit at the location, according to Mr. Wichern, would create more safety hazards. Mr. Wichern said the City has 12 months to decide what action will be taken to improve the safety at the intersection. An overpass at the top of the hill and eliminating two grade crossings was suggested. Mr. Wichern informed Council the current intersection is a Type 2 crossing and this crossing is no longer approved by the State. The speed limit was discussed again and Mr. Wichern said he will pursue getting the speed limit lowered, but said he feels that will not happen. The intersection needs to be closed so we do not lose another life. The agreement between the State and the City says the State of Missouri will notify the City in writing when there is an increase in serious accidents and then the City will have a 12 month period to take action. Mr. Wichern asked if the City wanted the intersection closed now or wait until the letter is sent. Mayor Clark said the appropriate thing to do is seek public input. City Attorney Elliott informed Council a decision could be made at the December 6, 2010 Council Session. The public would be notified by way of the agenda and then action could be taken. City Manager Watson said a resolution would be prepared recommending that the intersection be closed. Discussion was held regarding the crosswalk proposed by Council on the US 69 Highway overpass. Mr. Wichern said Tonya Lohman, MoDOT engineer, is working on this project. One condition that must be considered is the weight of the concrete needed for the protected area.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Watson asked Development Director Shellby Hendee to present his report at this time.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. Development Director Hendee presented a one (1) minute promotional video about Cameron which will be played before movies at Big Time Cinema. Staff will also put the video on the City’s website.
2. The Planning and Zoning Commission met November 8, 2010. The Commission considered sign regulations, conditional use permits and held public hearings for zoning changes. Bills will be presented to Council in December regarding the zoning changes with recommendations from the Commission. Field crops were discussed by the Commission and a definition was recommended for approval. However, the Commission is considering recommending a conditional use permit for field crops. It will be recommended by the Commission to add self service storage to the list of permitted uses in commercial zones. The Commission also discussed the regulation requiring property owners to construct sidewalks within two (2) years of the purchase of lots from developers. This discussion will be continued.
3. Tourism Commission. An orientation meeting was held with five (5) prospective members. Those attending are interested in serving on the Commission. Appointment recommendations will be presented to Council at the December 6, 2010 Council Session.

4. An application for a trails grant totaling \$156,000 was submitted today. The grant includes \$56,000 in kind work from the City for one and one half miles of trails proposed on the north side of Reservoir Two.

City Manager Watson asked Public Works Director Drew Bontrager to demonstrate a new feature of the City's GIS on the website. Public Works Director Bontrager showed how conditional use permits are now on the system. This is another useful tool provided by the City.

City Manager Watson continued his City Manager's Report.

2. Jim Cline Complaint. City Manager Watson reported he is waiting on an agreement from Mr. Cline's attorney. The agreement will be forwarded to Council when it arrives.
3. City Manager Watson presented the 2010 Visioning Session list utilizing funding application dates for Council review. The projects remain prioritized as on the original list, but the due dates for external funding sources were reviewed. Council reinforced that all the projects need to be completed and emphasized action needs to be accomplished. City Manager Watson asked Council for direction on Staff pursuing grant money for various projects. Council directed Staff to pursue funding but leave the list prioritized in it's the original form.
4. Additional Park Land. City Manager Watson reported the Park Board is in the planning process of identifying park needs and land for future acquisition. City Manager Watson encouraged Council to attend the planning session to be held by the Park Board.
5. City Manager Watson informed Council the City has received a check from FEMA reimbursing the City for storm damage which occurred last summer. Staff was commended for their efforts applying for and receiving the funding.
6. City Manager Watson is continuing to work with Jefferson Bus Lines to relocate their bus stop back within the City limits.
7. The October financial report was reviewed. City Manager Watson noted that last year's negative numbers are better this year and the October 2010 report shows balance improvements. The General Fund is still being affected by the McElwain Drive project. The Electric Fund balance is based on monthly bills versus income. This reflected a shortfall that will be reduced as the fiscal year continues.

Discussion continued on the Cline complaint. City Attorney Elliott stated a draft agreement has been prepared to repair Mr. Cline's property. A formal contract will be presented to Council upon receipt from Mr. Cline's attorney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2010-59, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES – MISCELLANEOUS, ARTICLE 1, IN GENERAL, SECTION 8-32, SAME-UNLAWFUL USE (OF A WEAPON) AND HUNTING REGULATIONS CAMERON RESERVOIRS ONE, TWO AND THREE, OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE was read on third reading by

title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-59 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson reminded Council that this changes regulations at Reservoirs One, Two and Three. Waterfowl hunting on Grindstone Reservoir will not be affected. Bill 2010-59 passed on third reading 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 5623**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2010-63, **AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD 2 NOVEMBER 2010 TO DETERMINE IF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES SHALL IMPOSE A ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR PARK AND STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2010-63 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. The sales tax failed by the following vote: 607 "yes" votes and 1167 "no" votes. 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 Fry 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, Fry and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5624**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2010-14, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A RADIO CONSOLETTA AND RADIO CONTROL STATION FROM THE REGION H HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR INTEROPERABLE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Resolution 2010-14 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said resolution. Discussion. Chief of Police Corey Sloan explained the grant will be used to purchase radios that will have the capability to operate on the new statewide interoperable radio network. This is a non-matching grant from the Region H Homeland Security Oversight Committee. Resolution 2010-14 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Cameron Housing Authority Appointments. The term of Marie Smith has expired and Ms. Smith has agreed to serve another term. Councilmember Buck moved to re-appoint Marie Smith to the Cameron Housing Authority. City Manager Watson informed Council Board member Lauretta Moore passed away. Staff is seeking resumes or letters of interest to fill the

unexpired term of Ms. Moore. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Ms. Moore for her service to the Cameron Housing Authority.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sherry Puterbaugh, 702 West Eighth Street, addressed Council regarding a water line leak that created a large utility bill. Ms. Puterbaugh felt the leak was created by the installation of the new water main. City Manager Watson will contact Ms. Puterbaugh regarding the bill.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, commended Council for changing the process of passing bills by having three separate readings. This gives the public time to learn about the issues being considered by Council and to express their opinions. Mr. Hart also said Council needs to observe the Missouri Sunshine Law regarding closed meetings. Mr. Hart suggested Council conduct as much business in open session as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Jack:

- Said a sign was left in front of his business by the contractor working on the water main. Director of Utilities Gaugh will contact the contractor.

Councilmember Carr:

- Asked about a plan for Eighth Street repairs. City Manager Watson said cold patch repair will be done this year. Next season the street will be fully replaced. Councilmember Carr asked to have a Council Street Committee meeting to discuss needs in the Public Works Department.
- Discussed having a ¼ percent sales tax for storm water improvements placed before voters noting the street fund would also benefit from the tax. City Attorney Elliott stated the sales tax issue needs to be an agenda item before it is considered.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked the status of a proposed water and sewer project on the east side of the City. City Manager Watson said there will be a report at the next Council Session.

Director of Utilities Gaugh:

- Said the Great Northwest Water Consortium needs to have two (2) members appointed. Director of Utilities Gaugh will prepare a resolution of appointment for the next Council Session.

Mayor Clark:

- Reminded all that Council is working very hard to be as transparent as possible in conducting all City business.

PROJECT UPDATE

City Manager Watson said the updates had been covered throughout the Council Session.

Motion was made at 8:25 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Litigation [RSMo 610.021(1)] by Councilmember Buck. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Jack. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Fry and Jack. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 8:55 p.m. There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

City Clerk