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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 7th day of March 2011, 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 Amy McVicker for City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the February 15, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dixie Reeter, 1309 DeKalb Drive, voiced concerns regarding large amounts of trash, appliances, tires, etc. that have collected at the business located behind her home. The business is located in the old Orscheln's building and is now owned by Truman Pratt. City Manager Watson assured her that he would contact her tomorrow to discuss this issue.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, expressed his concern and opposition to the Council allowing alcohol to be served and consumed on public property during the Fourth of July events.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, asked for clarification on the Ordinance that referred to the banning of "bath salts". She also wanted to know why all three readings of this bill were being done during this Session. City Manager Watson assured her that there would be an in-depth explanation presented by Detective Bashor later in the Session.

Sherry Frazier, representing Freedom of Road Riders, asked Council to once again issue a proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Ms. Frazier said the group will be in Cameron April 23, 2011 around 9:00 a.m. on their annual run collecting Proclamations which will be presented at the State Capitol in May.

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a. Air Show: A two (2) minute 30 second video was shown to all featuring the Franklin's Flying Circus. City Manager Watson asked that Council allow staff to move forward with scheduling the events for the Air Show and finalizing a date.

b. Fourth of July Request: Chamber of Commerce: Jared Bailey, Chairman of the Crossroads BBQ Cook-off, addressed Council to ask for approval for the events related to the BBQ Cook-off on Friday, July 1, 2011 and Saturday, July 2, 2011. City Manager Watson explained that the changes from last year include the area where the consumption is allowed for the BBQ contestants has been reduced.

   Cameron Jaycees: Randy Gould, member of the Cameron Jaycees, asked for approval of the beer garden for events on Friday, July 1, 2011 and Saturday, July 2, 2011. City Manager Watson explained that the changes regarding this ordinance decrease the size of the beer garden so not to obstruct the sidewalks.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Watson updated Council regarding the matter with Jim Cline's property. Attorney Mitch Elliott addressed Council stating that he takes full responsibility for the matter not being further along. He has a letter in final form ready to deliver to Mr. Cline's attorney tomorrow. This letter is simply a proposal on behalf of the City and it does not in any way bind the Council to anything. City Manager Watson further explained that if the proposal is agreed to by Mr. Cline, the next step would be for Council to approve it.
2. Fund Balance Report. City Manager Watson reported that the Sewer Fund had not incurred any rate increases in over ten (10) years. Staff will look into a rate increase of the sewer service. The General Fund balance took a hit because of a couple of large projects including the Griffin and Grand improvements and the Mead, Fourth and Fifth Street improvements. Those projects explain the change to the General Fund balance. The Electric Fund was recently audited and found to have no issues. City Manager Watson stated that in regards to the Electric Fund, there is a lot of fluctuation and the entire year must be examined in order to see the true picture of how the Fund is being managed.
3. Armed Services Exceptions. Staff has discussed possible issues that could arise for someone who is deployed overseas in the Military. City Manager Watson asked Council to allow him to create an Ordinance to exempt, for a period of one year (or the term of the deployment if less than one year), servicemen who are stationed overseas for the following situations: Allowing a family member to keep the dogs of a servicemen without penalty, allowing leeway for licensing an operable vehicle as long as it is not being driven during the time of deployment, and excusing penalty on personal property tax payments if due during the deployment time. A Bill will be prepared for a future Council Session.
4. Solid Waste Update. Region D Recycling will be promoting a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day scheduled for April 30, 2011. There will also be a tire collection held at the Maintenance Barn in Maysville on May 7th. Discussion of hosting a ShredFest at the Cameron Animal Shelter will continue and more

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information will be available at a later date. Councilmember Fry asked if an electronics pick-up had been scheduled and City Manager Watson said he would find out that information and report back.

5. Flood Plain Management Regulations. The City was recently notified that a part of the City of Cameron is now considered to be in a Flood Plain. City Manager Watson asked Council to allow a Bill to be drafted in regard to the flood plain in order for the residents affected by this to be able to acquire flood insurance. Council agreed to allow Staff to draft a Bill which will be presented at the March 21 Council Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2011-14, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR VACATION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ALLEY IN GIAUQUE'S SUBDIVISION AS REQUESTED BY ROY BOTTORFF,** was read by title on third and final reading by Amy McVicker. Copies of said bill 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. None. Bill 2011-14 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 **ORNINANCE 5649,** was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by Amy McVicker, for City Clerk O'Connor.

Bill 2011-17, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON AMBULANCE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-17 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Chief Corey Sloan presented information that the Ambulance District has met and approved the agreement and is asking for a full reading in order for the contract to take effect immediately. The time frame is already lagging behind the actual contract dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Fry to suspend the rules and place said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilmember Buck 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 5650**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by Amy McVicker for City Clerk O'Connor.

NEW BUSINESS

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Resolution 2011-1, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO DESTROY CERTAIN RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE RETENTION SCHEDULES,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Resolution 2011-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Buck to pass said resolution on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson explained that the City follows the state manual for records retention and that City Clerk O'Connor is a part of the committee that creates and maintains that manual. Resolution 2011-1 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-18, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON ACCOUNTING STAFF TO WRITE-OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE UTILITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-18 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson explained that staff has exhausted all efforts to collect these accounts and this process will help to clean up the utility accounts. He further explained that after the accounts are delinquent for three months, they are sent to a collection agency as another avenue utilized to collect these amounts. Councilmember Carr stated that the amounts written off seem to be less each year. Mayor Clark recognized that the utility clerks have very good memories and they collect much of this money before it gets to the point of being written off. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack 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 Fry 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 5651,** was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by Amy McVicker for City Clerk O'Connor.

Bill 2011-19, **AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 8-4.4 OF CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES-MISCELLANEOUS, ARTICLE I, GENERAL, OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, CODE TO PROHIBIT THE ILLICIT SALE AND USE OF CERTAIN BATH SALTS,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-19 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Sergeant Rick Bashor discussed dealings the police department has had with people under the influence of this substance. He discussed the importance of banning the substance for the safety of our community. Councilmember Carr asked that Council consider having another reading at the next Council meeting to allow public input on the issue. Council agreed to proceed with all readings during this meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Councilmember Fry 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 Buck 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 5652,** was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by Amy McVicker for City Clerk O'Connor.

Bill 2011-20, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SURDEX CORPORATION FOR DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-20 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson informed Council that the City's growth strikes a need for new photography with contours. The previous flight zone will be expanded to include the reservoirs and other parts of the City that it did not include prior. Councilmember Carr inquired about the funds used to pay for this photography. City Manager Watson explained that a separate line item in the General Fund had been set up and transfers from other Funds had already occurred to fund this project. There was discussion as to whether all readings should be held tonight in order to speed the process along and make sure there is sufficient time with promising weather to get the photos finished. Council agreed to follow protocol and hold the second and final reading at the next meeting on March 21. Staff recommends passing Bill 2011-20 on first reading only. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill 2011-21, **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SEC. 6-115 DRINKING IN PUBLIC ALLOWED, OF DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF CHAPTER 6 LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE,** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-21 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Buck to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Manager Watson explained that this Bill is to repeal the previous Ordinance regarding the BBQ contest and Fourth of July events. There were a few changes to the size of the area allowed and more specific on the times of sale and consumption. Councilmember Carr expressed his disapproval of public consumption of alcohol and stated that he does not like the fact that the Bill says that Staff recommended approval of it. Councilmember Fry echoed Councilmember Carr's moral beliefs, but said that the Council must look at the legal issues and they cannot base decisions on whether they agree with the morals of any situation. Staff recommends passing Bill 2011-21 on first reading only. Motion carried with the following voice vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Clark, Fry and Jack. "Nay": Councilmember Carr.

Bill 2011-22, **AN ORDINANCE STATING EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 6-115. DRINKING IN PUBLIC ALLOWED, OF DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS**

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REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF MALT LIQUOR AND WINE WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 6-115. THERIN (Barbeque Contest), was postponed to the March 21, 2011 Session.

Bill 2011-23, **AN ORDINANCE STATING EXCEPTIONS TO SECTION 6-115. DRINKING IN PUBLIC ALLOWED, OF DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE V. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF CHAPTER 6, LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF MALT LIQUOR AND WINE WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 6-115. THERIN (Fourth of July),** was read by title by Amy McVicker. Copies of said Bill 2011-22 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Staff recommends passing Bill 2011-23 on first reading only. Motion carried with the following voice vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Clark, Fry and Jack. "Nay": Councilmember Carr.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, agreed with Councilmember Carr's comments regarding alcohol in public. She was unsure as to the importance of passing the Ordinance regarding "bath salts" in one meeting. She also expressed concern with allocating $18,000 of tax payers' money to the Air Show. City Manger Watson explained that that money is to be used as a safety net for the Chamber because the City was asking the Chamber to take charge of this event and they did not budget for it.

MISCELLANEOUS

Amy McVicker:

- Thanked Council for the opportunity to sit in for City Clerk O'Connor in her absence.

Councilmember Carr:

- Stated he would like to see the issue with Mr. Cline resolved as soon as possible. It has proved to be a very laborious and tedious matter that needs to be resolved. He felt that Mr. Cline was having difficulty hearing during the meeting and thought Mr. Cline felt it was the appropriate time to speak about his issue. Stated that in the future that is something that should be explained ahead of time and more often so that the public understands the way the meeting works.
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Councilmember Buck:

- Apologized for the problem that occurred with Mr. Cline. Stated that he wished Mr. Cline could have gotten his five (5) minutes at the appropriate time during the meeting.

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Mitch Elliott:

- Apologized for his absence at the last meeting and explained that he was appearing in front of the Fifth Congressional District Caucus for which he was nominated for the redistricting commission and will possibly represent the Fifth District on this Commission.

City Inspector Han:

- Explained that the Flood Plain that was identified in Cameron could also make the City eligible for disaster relief and grant monies if an incident did occur in the future.

Police Chief Sloan:

- Wanted all to be aware that it is Severe Weather Awareness Month and the state-wide tornado drill has been moved to Thursday, March 10 because of inclement weather. Wanted to remind everyone to check the batteries in their weather radios and discuss their emergency preparedness plans with family members. Severe weather time is approaching.

City Manager Watson:

- Discussed the importance of following the agenda of the Session and wants to work positively toward a solution for Mr. Cline and is looking forward to resolving the issue.

Development Director Hendee:

- Informed all that the census numbers had changed and the actual number of taxpaying citizens actually increased 14.4%.

Mayor Clark:

- Stated that the City of Cameron is a significant challenge to manage with respect to the number of roads, electric and water lines and many other things that must happen on a daily basis, but Staff does a great job of keeping things moving in a positive direction. Explained that he takes his job as Mayor very seriously and plans to run each meeting following correct procedure. Apologized for the unpleasant situation with Mr. Cline, but it was handled the way he felt it needed to be handled.

PROJECT UPDATE

City Manager Watson informed Council that himself along with Staff have created a Vision Team that will be handling the different team issues. He will have an update at the next meeting regarding the ground breaking for the trails. The Rotary Club has expressed interest in assisting with the creation of a 9-hole Frisbee golf course. He will have more information on this at the next meeting as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 8:30 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

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APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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