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REGULAR SESSION

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Everett W. Ice	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 1st day of June 2009, at five 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, Everett W. Ice 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 May 18, 2009, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Proclamation – Citizen Recognition. Mayor Ice read and presented a proclamation to Gage Bridges, a 14 year old young man, recognizing his heroic efforts in placing a 911 call that saved his mother's life. The Cameron Police Department Communications Supervisor Cathy Poindexter also addressed Council and members of the public referencing Gage's dedication to his mother and calm actions in reporting a medical emergency with his mother, Dawn Bridges.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Pool. City Manager Watson reported the municipal swimming pool is in operation for the summer season. Staff continues to deal with a leak which has been an on going issue since the pool was built. The Water Department plans to install a tank well and a sump pump which will facilitate recycling the water which is currently being lost due to the leak. This is being done in an effort to better manage resources and assets for the City.
2. Regional Animal Center. A four (4) county meeting was held regarding a regional animal shelter and use of the University of Missouri Extension

Service. Clinton, DeKalb, Daviess and Caldwell Counties are all interested in a regional approach to an animal shelter. A meeting will be held at City Hall June 8, 2009 to further discuss this option. City Manager Watson reported it is time to look at the City's animal shelter for improvements and possible relocation. Staff will come back to Council with more information following the meeting.

3. City Manager Watson reinforced the proper procedure for the public to follow during a utility emergency. Citizens were encouraged to call the Water Plant at 632-2844 with emergencies after 5:00 p.m. and on holidays and weekends.
4. Priorities and Action Plan Development informational sheets were distributed to the Council as a follow-up on the recent Visioning Session held by Staff and Councilmembers.
5. The City has several properties with hay ground. Staff has advertised to find someone to mow approximately 40 acres at Crossroad Corporate Center. There has been no response to the ad. City Manager Watson encouraged anyone interested in haying the ground to talk to Public Works Director Drew Bontrager.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. The June 8, 2009 Commission meeting has been cancelled because there is no business to discuss.
2. Board of Adjustment. The Board denied a front yard parking request on South Orange.
3. US Highway 36 Marketing. An ad hoc tourism group is starting to promote Highway 36 as "Highway of American Genius".
4. Comprehensive Plan. Development Director Shellby Hendee distributed revised copies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
5. Northwest Roundtable Regional Marketing Grant. The \$30,000 marketing grant must be spent by December 31 and will be used for a web site, marketing materials, a consultant, trade shows and marketing trips.
6. The Cameron Community Foundation will hold a meeting June 3, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Presentation: Great Northwest Wholesale Water Consortium – Plattsburg City Administrator DJ Gehrt. City Administrator and Attorney Ed Proctor addressed Council regarding the Wholesale Consortium. The purpose of the entity, which is being established under RSMo Chapter 393, is to serve as a regional water supply to 81 different entities in Northwest Missouri. Water availability, cost and security were all discussed as positive issues for the group. To date, six (6) to seven (7) entities have voted to join and others are also considering joining. City Administrator Gehrt invited the City of Cameron to become a member. Excess raw water is not available except for Smithville Lake and the Missouri River. All of the member entities will continue to have their own water supply but will be linked for special uses. This is a long term approach

to the water supply issues facing Northwest Missouri. It will be ten (10) years before the first water flows and at least 30 to 40 years before a decision would have to be made on building new plants. There is a three (3) year commitment of \$3 per water meter to join the Consortium. This would be a cost of approximately \$9,000 per year for the City of Cameron. Missouri American located in St. Joseph, Missouri could not be a member of the Consortium but could be a supplier for the group.

Attorney Ed Proctor informed Council Chapter 939 of the Revised Missouri State Statutes allow public entities to create a wholesale commission as a new political subdivision. The entity is able to incur debt and issue debt. All members of the entity would report to the Commission. Members can withdraw from the Commission with a 30 day notice if there is no debt in place. Mayor Ice asked if debt would be incurred by the group or by the entities. City Administrator Gehrt stated this would be a flexible organization, but a member could not leave until the debt related to the member was paid in full.

City Manager Watson said there are a series of opportunities for the City right now. Staff will recommend that the City enter into a three (3) year agreement during the transition process for the Commission. The City of Cameron will then have representation on the Commission. The \$3 cost per meter will come from the Water Fund.

Presentation: Airport Layout Plan – Bucher, Willis and Ratliff. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager introduced Mike Waller, BWR. The Ad Hoc Airport Committee has worked on the Plan for one and one half years. The Plan would be funded by a grant with a five (5) percent match from the City. Mr. Waller reviewed: inventory, demand forecasting, existing conditions at the airport, terminal areas facilities, general aviation activity, demand forecasts, facility requirements and development alternatives. The City has always had a zero (0) to five (5) year capital improvement plan which is updated annually. The City's share of the cost of the proposed improvements would be approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. Public Works Director Bontrager informed Council that Staff will ask Council to adopt the Airport Layout Plan at the June 15, 2009 Council Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning and Zoning Appointment. The terms of George Pratt and Jeanette Copeman expire in June. Mr. Pratt has agreed to serve another three (3) year term if reappointed. Ms. Copeman will be moving from the Cameron community and not be able to serve on the Commission. Staff recommended the re-appointment of George Pratt to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Buck moved to reappoint Mr. Pratt. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Development Director Hendee will seek another Commissioner to fill the vacant position.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, asked for clarification on the Wholesale Water Commission boundaries. City Manager Watson said the boundaries are the same as were presented in the initial discussions. A copy of the proposed boundary map was provided for Mr. Hart.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Clark:

- Thanked City Manager Watson for the Action Plan stemming from the Council Visioning Session.
- Noted that during the City tour discussion was held on using the new street sweeper more. City Manager Watson said the sweeper is running daily now and also informed Council there will soon be some changes in personnel in the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Carr:

- Said he would like to have information for the Council in the near future regarding streets, curb/guttering, and sidewalks.

Councilmember Buck:

- Asked for a cost comparison with surrounding airports for aviation fuel.
- Questioned who is responsible for a clogged drainage tube on BB Highway.

Mayor Ice:

- Informed Council he will be publishing a letter to the editor updating citizens on work and activities within the City.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 6:50 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk