

**CITY OF CAMERON
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REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Everett W. Ice	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 18th day of May 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 4, 2009 and May 11, 2009 meetings were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Proclamation – Recognition of Cameron Police Officers. Cameron Police Officers I.B. Fugate, III; Troy Green; and, Communications Officer Angella Harper were recognized for their actions on April 10, 2009 regarding a structure fire on West Cornhill Street. The actions of these Officers prevented the fire from being a devastating loss to a Cameron family. Mayor Ice read and presented the proclamation to Officer Harper.

Mayor Ice also read and presented a proclamation to the Cameron Good Sam Club, recognizing them for their efforts in a nationwide trash cleanup and declaring May 16, 2009 as “Good Sam Clean Up Day” in Cameron.

Public Works Director Drew Bontrager gave a brief presentation on micro-surfacing and slurry sealing. The processes were reviewed and Council was informed by Public Works Director Bontrager that this type of maintenance over a number of years add to the longevity of the street surfaces. A bill will be presented later in the Session regarding a contract for this type of maintenance work on various City streets.

Inspector Clyde Han addressed Council concerning a concept of the four (4) county regional animal shelter. The proposed shelter would be operated by NACA

trained personnel and would need a contract to guarantee space for animals. If this project comes to fruition, it would be the first of its kind involving four (4) counties.

Shellie Blades, 102 South Cherry Street, informed Council she recently graduated from Missouri Western State University. Ms. Blades is the Administrative Assistant for the City of Cameron, and her education was funded by the City. Ms. Blades expressed her gratitude to Council and City Staff members for their support over the nine (9) years she attended night school.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Watson was informed by the Missouri Department of Transportation that traffic will go "head to head" on Interstate 35 May 15, 2009 while seven (7) miles of resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation work is done. Traffic will be closed to the southbound lane and diverted to two way traffic in the northbound lane.
2. Waters Edge has certified the Cameron Aquatic Center in accordance with the Graham Baker Act. A safety grate was placed over the drain meeting all requirements and allowing the pool to open Memorial Day weekend. Waters Edge also took a look at the leak the pool has had since it was built. It is hoped that a leak located and fixed will remedy the problem.
3. A visioning session was held by Staff and Council May 11, 2009. The session was successful and Staff will present an action plan to Council in June.
4. City Manager Watson reviewed the budget variance report included in Council packets. Sales tax revenue has decreased slightly in comparison to one (1) year ago, but Staff has been vigilant on expenses to date. Overall, the financial status is doing well. There will be more details presented to Council during the upcoming budgeting process.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Planning and Zoning. The Commission met May 11, 2009 and considered conditional use permit requests for day care facilities. The Commission will also continue discussion on conflicting zoning regulations at a future meeting.
2. Board of Adjustment. The Board will meet May 21, 2009 regarding a variance request for front yard parking at 323 South Orange Street.
3. Comprehensive Plan. Revisions are continuing on the Plan.
4. Transportation Update. The Missouri Department of Transportation has experienced a ten (10) percent decline in revenues. Stimulus programs will enable work to continue until 2012 before funds run out.
5. Legislative Update. The legislation regarding the proposed four (4) county Recreation District failed to pass during the Regular Session. City Manager Watson noted the Recreation Committee will be looking at other angles for financing options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2009-10, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF \$1,525,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2009-10 were available for the public. Councilmember Buck moved to pass the resolution. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. Discussion. Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh told Council this is the first step in securing funding for the Water Improvement Project approved by voters in 2008. Jack Dillingham, Piper and Jaffrey, explained this is for short term financing and will have an interest rate of 2 ¼ percent. Local financial institutions will be contacted about purchasing the bonds. The sale of the bonds will allow summer construction of the project and also allow the City to take advantage of stimulus money that is available. Resolution 2009-10 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2009-43, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VANCE BROTHERS INC, FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-43 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager informed Council bids were solicited and only one (1) bid was received from Vance Brothers in the amount of \$132,522.90. Staff recommends approval of Bill 2009-43. Work will begin the second week in June. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Clark 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, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5512**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2009-44, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO JUDY CUNNINGHAM d.b.a. MISS PIGGY'S KIDDIE RANCH, ALLOWING OPERATION OF A STATE-LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER FOR UP TO TEN (10) CHILDREN AT 816 EAST SECOND STREET** was withdrawn by applicant Judy Cunningham. Ms. Cunningham submitted a letter withdrawing the application indicating that she now has a location that does not require a conditional use permit.

Bill 2009-45, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO MARY WHITE d.b.a. STEP BY STEP EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION, LLC, ALLOWING OPERATION OF A STATE-LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER FOR UP TO FORTY (40) CHILDREN AT 417 NORTH NETTLETON STREET, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2009-45 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Shellby Hendee told Council that 417 North Nettleton was the former location of Pam's Home Style Day Care. A public hearing was held and there were no objections voiced from any of the neighbors. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit. Development Director Hendee noted that the need for day care was noted in the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Buck and seconded by Councilmember Clark 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 Clark said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Ice and Jack. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5513**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Liquor License Application. Honey Creek Steak House, LLC has submitted an application for a Caterers Permit for a wedding being held at the Cameron Community Fair Building May 30, 2009. The Cameron Police Department has reviewed the application and has no objections to the permit being issued. If approved, the event will be subject to the Special Event Guidelines recently enacted by Council. Councilmember Clark moved to approve the Caterers Permit for Honey Creek Steak House, LLC. Councilmember Buck seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council of a Northwest Missouri Municipal League Meeting being held in Grant City.
- Said she will be on vacation the remainder of the week.

Councilmember Clark:

- Praised the Public Works Staff for their efforts to maintain the City streets. With economic times being difficult, it is good to know staff is being pro-

active. There is tremendous potential right now for community improvements and more opportunities than there have been in the past.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Reviewed parts of the Ethics Training presentation he conducted at a recent Council Session. City Attorney Elliott reminded all that individuals do not report or speak for the Council which they serve on. It would be unethical to do so. City Attorney Elliott noted that the only time a member is authorized to speak for the Council, a resolution must be passed or a vote taken. It is not ethical to identify oneself as a Councilmember and make any kind of statement that reflects on the Council without proper authorization. Individuals have the right to speak, but not as an identified Councilmember. Anything said as a Councilmember must be said in a noticed meeting with a vote of the entire Council authorizing the statements.

Public Works Director Bontrager:

- Informed Council the City has received notice from Region D that a \$1,500 grant has been awarded to the City for education in recycling.

Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell:

- Recounted the recent rain event that caused flooding north of the City. The Fire Department successfully removed individuals from a trailer park that is located in a low lying area. The cooperative efforts of the Fire Department, Police Department, County personnel and the Red Cross were commendable during the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 6:40 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

APPROVED:

Mayor Everett W. Ice

ATTEST:

City Clerk