

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2011**

REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
David Fry	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 20th day of June 2011, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Frank A. Buck presided with the following Councilmembers present: Mark L. Carr, Dennis M. Clark, Jerri Ann Eddins and David Fry. Absent: none.

Present were Interim City Manager Mark Gaugh, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the June 6, 2011 and June 13, 2011, meetings were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Eddins.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Airshow Update – Lee Crouch. Lee Crouch, 7129 N. Norton Avenue, Gladstone, Missouri, thanked Council, the Cameron Police Department and the Cameron Chamber of Commerce for their help and sponsorship of the Airshow. Mr. Crouch estimated the crowd size to be between 5,000 and 6,000 people. There was positive feedback from the performers as well as those in attendance.
- b. Chamber of Commerce Airshow Information – Michelle Fagerstone. Michelle Fagerstone, 210 East Little Brick, informed Council local motels were booked to capacity Friday and Saturday nights during the Airshow and said Wal-Mart reported a four (4) percent increase in foot traffic. Restaurants also reported increased business during the time frame of the show. Ms. Fagerstone said the financial and economic impact was positive for area businesses. Volunteers worked 750 hours facilitating the Airshow.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES). Interim City Manager Gaugh informed Council the manhole inspections have been completed by Trekk. Reports will be sent

- to Engineer Mark Young for review. Smoke testing in the area by Porter's Building Supply will begin soon.
2. General Fund Review. Council had asked for a third party to review the status of the General Fund. Staff contacted three companies but none of them were interested in performing the work. Interim City Manager Gaugh has contacted an individual consultant who has agreed to evaluate the Fund and give an opinion.
 3. Update – Utility Transfers. Interim City Manager Gaugh said he plans to relocate the transfer into one (1) location to make them easier to identify.
 4. July 5 Meeting. The first regularly scheduled Council Session falls on July 4th. The Session will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2011.
 5. Tour Dates. Interim City Manager Gaugh asked Council to check their calendars and get back with him with possible dates to schedule a Council Tour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2011-47, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 2-24. SALARY, was read by title on first reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-47 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh said each year in April according to Code, Council receives an automatic increase in their compensation for serving on the Council equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for that year. Council instructed Staff to change the Code to reflect an increase equal only to the increase applied to employees' salaries of that year. There is also an option to opt out of any increase if the Councilmember so chooses. Bill 2011-47 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-48, AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 5411 AND REPEALING SECTION 12-139, SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE WHICH ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE TO BE COLLECTED FROM OWNERS OF NEWLY DEVELOPED PROPERTY BEFORE CONNECTING TO THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, was read by title on first reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-48 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. The system development charge (impact fee) was enacted when the economy was fairly strong. The fee now is considered a detriment and seems to discourage growth in the current economy. Staff recommends repealing the system development charge at this time with a possible review when the economy improves. Bill 2011-48 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2011-49, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-57, PROHIBITED PRACTICES, OF DIVISION 2, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL, OF ARTICLE III, REFUSE, OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY

OF CAMERON CODE TO PROVIDE A NEW PARAGRAPH (6) FOR THE REGULATION OF INFECTIOUS OR REGULATED WASTE, was read by title on first reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-49 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager explained the definition of infectious waste had been added to the bill since it was distributed to Council and placed on the City website for public review. The changed bill will need to be formatted for codification before Council considers the bill. Councilmember Carr withdrew the motion to pass Bill 2011-49 and Councilmember Clark withdrew his second to the motion. Bill 2011-49 will be presented for review at the next Council Session.

Discussion Code Enforcement. Inspector Clyde Han reviewed the history of Code Enforcement within the City. In 1999 the City civilianized Code Enforcement and in 2006 Council approved an additional Code Enforcement Officer. The Department was proactive from 2007 through 2009 sending notices of violations. In April 2010 Code Enforcement was directed to be reactive and respond to complaint only violations, etc. Then, in May 2011 Code Staff was instructed to be proactive on grass and weeds only. Council asked that Code Enforcement be added to the June 6, 2011 agenda to discuss reactive versus proactive. Inspector Han noted that the Code Enforcement Staff works with citizens and does grant extensions to get the necessary work done but 30 day extensions on grass and weeds is definitely too much time. The 30 day extension was reduced to five (5) days. Inspector Han suggested having individuals who are incapable of taking care of violations for physical and/or medical reasons should contact City Hall and Staff will work with them to find volunteers to help abate the violations.

Council discussion continued:

- Mayor Buck said emphasis should be placed on the City taking care of violations on City property.
- Councilmember Clark noted the reason the direction was given to be reactive was the number of violations occurring. The constant emphasis on Code Enforcement has distracted Staff from the bigger problems that exist such as streets and infrastructure.
- Councilmember Eddins stated the City has hired Code Staff to do a job so the job should be done. Councilmember Eddins suggested perhaps the Code needs to be changed to have a softer approach.
- Councilmember Fry noted he would like to stick to the objective of assisting the elderly and disabled with any violations they might have. Councilmember Fry also said streets should be prioritized first and Code Enforcement issues should be second.

City Attorney Elliott said it is obvious the Council is not in total agreement on the Code Enforcement issue and offered to assist Inspector Han in writing a Resolution for the Council to vote on at the next Council Session. The ultimate goal of the City is not to punish violators, but to clean up the City. The enforcement needs to be fair to all citizens with rules that are reasonable and fair to all. The Resolution could be written to be proactive but not invasive. City Attorney Elliott said that having reactive actions within a proactive system has a big

advantage because it does not force neighbors to act against neighbors. It is better to vote on written words than simply on discussion.

Appointments.

1. Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning Chairman Mike O'Donnell addressed Council requesting that Mark Garges be reappointed to the Commission. Mr. Garges is willing to serve another term. There will still be an open position on the Commission and Chairman O'Donnell noted Staff is working on a policy for board and commission appointments. The Planning and Zoning commission recommends reappointment. Councilmember Fry moved to reappoint Mark Garges to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.
2. Park Board. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager said the terms of Rob Balliett and Al Briggs are expiring and the Board recommends reappointment. Councilmember Carr moved to reappointment Mr. Balliett and Ms. Briggs. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Discussion. Councilmember Clark stated he felt the public should be made aware of the openings allowing individuals to express their interest in serving. Mr. Balliett and Ms. Briggs have served the Park Board well and are likely to be reappointed with the process outlined. Councilmember Carr withdrew the motion and Councilmember Eddins withdrew the second. Staff will place a notice in with the media and on the City website to seek individuals interested in serving on the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gary Frazier, 103 East Fourth Street, stated his support of proactive Code Enforcement and said no one should be allowed to violate the Code.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, expressed concern over the lack of restriction for fireworks within the City. Ms. Becker said there are safety issues and asked Council to look at a policy for next year's fireworks season. Ms. Becker inquired about the enforcement process for proper disposal of "sharps".

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council that Don Mathena has submitted his resignation from the Cameron Housing Authority.
- Said she was informed by Councilmember Fry of an omission in the November 15, 2010 minutes regarding the reappointment of Marie Smith to the Cameron Housing Authority. The original motion was recorded, but the second and vote were not. City Clerk O'Connor asked to amend the minutes to include the following statement: "Councilmember Fry seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote." This reflects the appointment vote for Marie Smith which was inadvertently omitted from the minutes. Councilmember Carr moved to amend the minutes from

November 15, 2010 with the verbiage requested. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Councilmember Fry:

- Stated he has given more thought to his request at the last Council session that Council put aside differences and come together for the good of the community. Councilmember Fry asked that bullying on the Council stop and again encouraged all Councilmembers to get along and serve the community as they should.

Councilmember Clark:

- Thanked all the volunteers that helped to make the Airshow a tremendous success.
- Stated that the Council has a responsibility to operate in the open and with transparency in conducting City business. Councilmember Clark said this is a right and privilege that our US military forces have fought to secure for all citizens.

Councilmember Carr:

- Expressed his appreciation to all the Airshow workers saying it was an incredible, first class Airshow. This was an amazing accomplishment given the organization and implementation took place within 90 days.
- Asked the Mayor to write a letter to recognize the workers and volunteers that made the event so successful.

Mayor Buck:

- Read a letter from Missouri Governor Jay Nixon thanking the Cameron Police Department for their professional response in aiding the City of Joplin following a devastating tornado. Governor Nixon also referenced Master Patrolman Jefferson Taylor of Riverside, Missouri who was killed in the line of duty during the disaster. Patrolman Taylor was the grandson of Phyllis and Gerald Taylor of Cameron. Gerald Taylor has served the Cameron Fire Department for many years.

Interim City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council that the Great Northwest Water Consortium is celebrating their second year in existence on July 14, 2011. Council was invited to attend the event.

There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Carr.

APPROVED:

Mayor Frank A. Buck

ATTEST:

City Clerk