CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JULY 5, 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 Tuesday, the 5th day of July 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 20, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Homer Thompson, 610 West Sixth Street, praised the work done by the Public Works Department at Sixth and Lathrop Streets.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, expressed concern about the following agenda items: Code Enforcement; proposed water and sewer rate increases; proposed storm water and transportation sales taxes; repealing of revenue sources by rescinding the impact fee; and, tax abatement in the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Mr. Hart said since the City has over $6 million invested in certificates of deposit, some of that money should be used for street repairs and storm water improvements.

Gary Frazer, 103 East Fourth Street, said he admires and respects the Council but noted that he does not always agree with everyone on everything. Mr. Frazer referenced the poor condition of the City's General Fund, bad infrastructure, employee attitudes and citizens against the City and vice versa. The City needs to reach its potential and while doing so, needs to agree to disagree. Mr. Frazer also questioned the City budget and payroll. Interim City Manager Gaugh stated the General Fund is showing a negative balance on the books. The balance does fluctuate and Staff is trying to shore up the balance before year end, September 30, 2011. To that end, an inter-fund loan from the Electric Fund to the General Fund is being proposed. Staff and Council will then make decisions about cuts in the budget when necessary. Interim City

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Manager Gaugh said General Fund revenues were less than expenses from the beginning of the current budget year creating the present deficient situation.

Councilmember Carr said there are many frustrating and costly projects ahead of the City due to age and deterioration issues. Council has to deal with present conditions and work toward the future with repairs and improvements. Street and storm water conditions go hand in hand, especially regarding Walnut Street. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has scheduled surface repairs for Walnut Street in 2013 so storm water improvements needs to be in place before MoDOT work is started. Councilmember Carr also noted there have not been any rate increases for a number of years and things are just catching up. Mandates from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources could soon be placed on the City and Staff is preparing to handle the mandates with the proposed rate increase.

Councilmember Clark said the General Fund income streams are fixed and there is no way to create more money. The Electric Department can adjust rates to increase their revenues, but the General Fund cannot. Building a surplus in the General Fund would be good, but Councilmember Clark said future Councils cannot be bound by such actions taken at this time. Money is needed to take care of the infrastructure so there is really no way to accumulate surplus funds.

Councilmember Carr said the proposed sales taxes would provide regular income for projects.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Fourth of July. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported the events were well attended and there were no major incidents reported.
2. Rotor Shaft Work. The rotor shaft at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been repaired and is working well. A new shaft and bearings were purchased and the old rotors used.
3. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) Work Smoke testing this week, begin July 5, weather permitting. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported the smoke testing will begin this week.
4. Mead Street. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager reported the expenses for the Mead Street project currently total $300,697.

Mayor Buck asked about the status of the Cline project. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported the work started today and should be complete within 45 days, weather permitting. Mayor Buck also asked Interim City Manager Gaugh to give a status report on all projects at future Council Sessions.

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 on second reading by title by

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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 Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. This Bill provides for a decrease in Council compensation in support of City Staff by aligning any Council compensation increase with any increase realized by employees; and, a provision for no compensation if a Councilmember so chooses. Bill 2011-47 passed on second reading 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 on second reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-48 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2011-48 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-49, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI 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 ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH (6) FOR THE REGULATION OF INFECTIOUS OR REGULATED WASTE AND ALSO ADDING THE DEFINITION OF INFECTIOUS WASTE TO SECTION 5-31, DEFINITIONS, OF DIVISION 2, GENERALLY, OF ARTICLE III, REFUSE, ALSO OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-49 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-49 requires "sharps" i.e. needles to be placed in puncture resistant containers as a safety measure. Pat Watkins, R & W Container, addressed Council saying this is not just to protect his staff that picks up the weekly refuse for the City, but for anyone who might become exposed to it. Penalty for not abiding by the requirement will be administered under the general punishment code of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Carr 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 Fry 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, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5676**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

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Resolution 2011-8, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, ADOPTING A CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE AND POLICY**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2011-8 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass Resolution 2011-8. Discussion. Inspector Clyde Han reminded Council they had requested the Resolution for clarification of the enforcement policy. Inspector Han also said his Staff is working on attitude and prioritizing the enforcement. The policy applies to nuisance codes under the Property Maintenance Code pertaining to weeds and junk. City Attorney Elliott stated the intention of Resolution 2011-8 is to resolve issues rather than to fine perpetrators. Resolution 2011-8 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-50, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT WATER RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES,** was read on first reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-50 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-50 proposes a three (3) percent increase in water rates to help cover increased costs for water treatment and delivery. Interim City Manager Gaugh informed Council this is an adequate amount for the present time. Bill 2011-50 passed on first reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-51, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI REPEALING THE CURRENT SEWER USE RATES AND ESTABLISHING NEW SEWER USE RATES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CAMERON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES,** was read on first reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-51 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. The last sewer rate increase was in 1992 and the cost of doing business has gone up considerably since that time. Interim City Manager Gaugh said the Sewer Department does not have a lot of outstanding debt which has helped to keep rates low. New regulations are coming from the Department of Natural Resources which will dictate an increase. Bill 2011-51 passed on first reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2011-52, **AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A CITY SALES TAX FOR STORM WATER CONTROL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, AND CALLING AN ELECTION ON SUCH TAX TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011,** was read on first reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-52 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh told Council the two sales tax bills; one for storm water improvements (Bill 2011-52) and the other for transportation purposes (Bill 2011-53), have been reviewed by Committee. Discussion was held on the ballot language of both bills and Council asked Bond Counsel Toni Stegeman from Gilmore and Bell to clarify the language for the voting public. Councilmember Carr withdrew his motion and Councilmember Fry withdrew his second. Ms. Stegeman will revise the ballot language and Bill 2011-52 and Bill 2011-53 will be on the July 18, 2011 Council agenda.

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7:15 p.m. Councilmember Eddins recused herself from the Council Chamber citing a potential conflict of interest as a member of the Clinton County Enhanced Enterprise Zone Commission.

Bill 2011-54, **AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING THE CLINTON COUNTY ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE AND ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT RATE FOR THE CLINTON COUNTY ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE WHICH ENCOMPASSES PART OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-54 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh said Bill 2011-54 is identical to the DeKalb County Enhanced Enterprise Zone ordinance. Clinton County Commissioners have asked that Bill 2011-54 be expedited and passed in its entirety tonight. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Eddins.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Carr 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 and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Eddins. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5677**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

7:20 p.m. Councilmember Eddins returned to the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, expressed concern about citizens not being informed sooner about the financial burden being placed on them with the proposed rate increases and sales taxes. Ms. Becker also had concerns with fireworks safety and asked Council to consider establishing guidelines before next year. The City's Comprehensive Plan was referenced regarding information for long range plans for streets and storm water that are related to the proposed sales taxes. The Plan was completed with input from citizens who asked for improvements during the process.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, asked about the cost involved with Bill 2011-48 and Bill 2011-54. Staff responded the cost is directly related to growth issues and there is no way to truly predict a dollar amount.

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City Clerk O'Connor:

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- Informed Council five (5) applications have been received for City Manager. The deadline for resumes/applications is July 7, 2011.

Councilmember Fry:

- Said he had a complaint about cars speeding on Clinton Drive and asked Staff to look into the issue.

Councilmember Clark:

- Thanked and congratulated the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, the CERT group, Cameron Fire Department and Cameron Police Department for all their work during the Fourth of July events.
- Discussed the new clarifications of the Code Enforcement Policy and said he has been assured the enforcement can be done without using a "heavy hand".
- Stated some citizens will think the Council is pushing additional taxes on them, but in reality the Council is simply providing citizens to opportunity to change things by way of a vote.

Mayor Buck:

- Said citizens will be able to vote yes for no for the proposed sales taxes.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Informed Council he will be in Jefferson City attending a redistricting meeting on July 18, 2011 and there is a possibility that he will not be back in time to attend the Council Session that evening.
- Told Council Toni Stegeman, Bond Counsel, will stay following the meeting to discuss ballot language.

Chief of Police Corey Sloan:

- Thanked CERT and other volunteers for their work at the Airshow and Fourth of July celebration, stating the events would not have been nearly as successful without their efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 7:45 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Fry.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Frank A. Buck

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