

**CITY OF CAMERON**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 7, 2008**  
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**REGULAR SESSION**

Everett W. Ice	P
Michael G. Johnson	P
David C. Lee	P
Larry L. McCord, Jr.	P
Artis Stoebener	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008, at five o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr. presided with the following Councilmembers present: Everett W. Ice, Michael G. Johnson, David C. Lee and Artis Stoebener. Absent: none.

Present were City Manager Phillip R. Lammers, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the March 17, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Lee.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Arbor Day Proclamation. City Clerk O'Connor read a proclamation encouraging citizens to observe Nation Arbor Day on April 11, 2008. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager, in cooperation with the Parkview Elementary School and the Missouri Department of Conservation, will be planting a tree with the Parkview kindergarten class in Kelsey Park on that date. The goal is to track the growth of the tree and of the kindergarten class each year. Public Works Director Bontrager hopes to make this an annual event.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Review recommendations from Street Committee.
  - a. Failed street areas on West Street south of A Highway will be graveled and Staff will approach adjacent property owners that are outside the city limits to see if they will help with a complete chip and seal.
  - b. The Committee recommends forming a Tree Board. This will be a precursor to applying for a Tree City designation.
  - c. Also recommended is a change to high pressure sodium fixtures on Walnut Street to improve lighting.

- d. There will be a schedule of street improvements at the next Council Session.
2. Review recommendations from Water/Sewer Committee.
  - a. The Committee reviewed various environmental issues associated with waste water in Missouri.
  - b. Recommended the purchase of flow meters at a cost of \$5,000 each to collect data.
  - c. Recommended refining collection improvements.
  - d. Recommended eliminating "Vacation Status" for utility billing when customers are away for an extended time.
  - e. Also recommended proceeding with feasibility studies for automatic meter reading.
3. MoDOT letter clarifying concerns on consequential traffic flow post McElwain Drive Extension. The letter is part of the effort to obtain a work permit for the extension of McElwain Drive.
4. Wholesale electric rate increase. Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative has raised the rate charged to the city by 17 percent. A portion of the increase will be passed on to our customers. The rate increase will be on the May first utility bills. There will be a Bill at the next Council Session to set the increased rate.
5. Christmas decoration courtesy of the Garges Family. City Manager Lammers received an email from the Garges family offering to donate a tall Christmas tree and a Santa. City Manager Lammers said he accepted the donation and will have the decorations refurbished and then will have them displayed in McCorkle Park.
6. Open burning extension. City Manager Lammers recommended extending the open burning season two weeks. The weather has not been conducive for residents to utilize the burning period. Councilmember Johnson moved to extend the open burning season two (2) weeks, ending May 3, 2008. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.
7. Hay ground rent ratification. City Manager Lammers reviewed bids from individuals seeking to mow various parcels of City property. Councilmember Lee moved to accept the high bids on each of the parcels. Councilmember Stoebener seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.
8. Focus Session discussion items. City Manager Lammers asked Council to submit discussion items to him for the April 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> Focus Session.

## **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission will meet April 14, 2008 and address the following issues:
  - Continuation of a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for beekeeping at 222 West Cornhill Street.
  - Conduct a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Portrait Studio at 306 East Fourteenth Street.
  - Consider a request for an extension of a preliminary plat for Weston Estates.
  - Hold a regulatory enforcement discussion.

- Consider a petition to amend zoning at 324 East Fifth Street and 410 West Second Street.
- 2. Comprehensive Plan Update. A public workshop will be held April 17, 2008 regarding area development. Development Director Hendee invited all in attendance to participate in the workshop. A follow-up Session will be held the following day at McCorkle's.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2008-5, **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF RECORDS DESTROYED FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-5 were available to the public. Councilmember Lee moved to approve Resolution 2008-5. Councilmember Stoebener seconded the motion. City Clerk O'Connor reported this provides a permanent account of records that were approved by Council for destruction. Resolution 2008-5 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2008-13, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON US HIGHWAY 69/WALNUT STREET IN CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-13 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Hendee reported at the last Council Session a Resolution was passed requesting the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) adjust the speed limits from the north City limits on Walnut Street to the south City limits. MoDOT asked the Council to pass a Bill establishing the new limits. Staff recommends approval of Bill 2008-13. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Ice and seconded by Councilmember Johnson said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Ice, Johnson, Lee, McCord and Stoebener. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5417**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2008-6, **A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF PRAIRIE STREET AND MEAD STREET IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS SURPLUS PROPERTY** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-6 were available for the public. Councilmember Johnson moved to pass Resolution 2008-6. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion. Public

Works Director Drew Bontrager informed Council this property formerly had a lift station located on it. The lift station was removed several years ago. The City has no current or future use for the property, but does have the expense of maintenance and upkeep. Staff asked the property be declared surplus and to have Staff seek bids to sell the property. Resolution 2008-6 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Annual Police Report. Chief of Police Corey Sloan presented the annual Police Department Report. According to Chief Sloan, the report details the accomplishments and challenges the Department faced in 2007 and gave an overview of the crime trends. Chief Sloan acknowledged the efforts of his Communication Staff. There are 16 fulltime officers, three (3) Task Force Officers, five (5) Communications Officers and several volunteer groups. Chief Sloan continued reviewing the highlights of the report for Council. Mayor McCord, on behalf of the Staff, community and Council expressed gratitude for the work done by the Department and commended the Department's high standards. Mayor McCord also stated appreciation for the many volunteers in our community.

Certification of Delinquent Taxes and Approval of Personal Property Abatement. City Clerk O'Connor presented a certified list of delinquent taxes as of April 1, 2008 for Council review. The annual abatement list for personal property deemed uncollectible was also present for Council review and approval. Councilmember Johnson moved to accept the certified list, to publish the list of delinquent taxes and to approve the abatement of personal property taxes as presented. Councilmember Stoebener seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Review and Consideration of Bids for Tree Hanger Removal. Public Works Director Bontrager explained the bids taken do not include any pruning. This is for trimming only. There are 783 trees that will be trimmed that were damaged by the December 2007 ice storm. An additional 24 trees will be cut flush with the ground. Hostetter Construction from Waverly, Missouri submitted the low bid of \$47,902.50. A total of six (6) bids were received. Staff followed FEMA guidelines in soliciting the bids. The contractor will have 15 days to submit the necessary documentation and the work is to be performed within a 30 day window. Councilmember Lee moved to accept the low bid from Hostetter Construction. Councilmember Stoebener seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2008-14, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOSTETTER CONSTRUCTION FOR HAZARDOUS LIMB AND HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL RELATED TO DECEMBER 2007 ICE STORM IN CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-14 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Lee and seconded by Councilmember Stoebener said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Ice, Johnson, Lee, McCord and Stoebener. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5418**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Stated there will be a Special Council Session April 14, 2008 to declare the results of the April 8, 2008 election.

Councilmember Johnson:

- Commended Councilmember Stoebener on the Cameron Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held April 5, 2008.

City Manager Lammers:

- Reported he had contacted the FAA regarding the light requirement on towers. The light requirement applies to towers that are at least 200 feet tall. Our water towers are 150 feet tall.

Mayor McCord:

- Reminded all of the Municipal Election tomorrow and urged all to exercise their right to vote.
- Said he and the remaining Council will certainly miss Councilmember Lee leadership on the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 5:55 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Lee.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

