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REGULAR SESSION

Dennis M. Clark	P
Everett W. Ice	P
Ronnie Jack	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 4th day of August 2008, at five o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr. presided with the following Councilmembers present: Dennis M. Clark, Everett W. Ice, Ronnie Jack and Artis Stoebener. 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 July 21, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Buck, 203 West 13th Street, had questions regarding the coding on his utility bill. Interim City Manager Gaugh explained the statement to Mr. Buck.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Doyle Childers, Director the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will hold a meeting August 21, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. addressing various issues of interest. This is not related to the brain tumor investigation. A meeting to discuss results of the investigation will be scheduled later.
2. The Highway 36 lighting project is nearly complete. Some work remains to be done at McElwain Drive Extension.
3. The first meeting in September falls on Labor Day. Council will need to make a decision regarding the meeting. Mayor McCord suggested deciding at the next Council Session.
4. MARCIT, the City's insurance carrier, has refunded \$26,927 from the workers' compensation premium. This workers' compensation dividend is from claim years 1984-2000.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Comprehensive Plan.
 - Development Director Shellby Hendee reviewed compiled results of the Citizen Survey. Bucher, Willis and Ratliff conducted the survey and reported a 90 percent level of confidence with the results including a plus or minus factor of five (5) percent. Concerns that surfaced in the survey were: current economic base, attractiveness to outside developers and investors, infrastructure system, and encouragement/enforcement of attractive development. Development Director Hendee reviewed the top ranking responses. The top 27 were listed with more code enforcement ranking number one (1).
 - The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee will meet August 13, 2008.
 - A Transportation Workshop will be held in September.
 - Quality of Life issues will be discussed at a workshop to be held in October.
2. Planning and Zoning.
 - The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet August 11, 2008 when a public hearing will be held for conditional use permit for a dog grooming business and kennel at 508 South Walnut Street. The Commission will also review code issues during the meeting.
 - The terms of Mike O'Donnell and Delvin Jackson expire and a recommendation from the Commission for their reappointment is expected.
3. Board of Adjustment.
 - The Board of Adjustment will meet August 18, 2008 to hold a public hearing for a zoning variance request at 804 West Third Street.
 - The term of Scotty Massey will expire and the Board will make a recommendation for reappointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2008-35, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND A ROAD RELINQUISHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MISSOURI ROUTE "A" AND OWNERSHIP CHANGE THEREOF, was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-35 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass said bill on second reading by roll call vote. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported on financing options. Staff determined with a ten (10) year financing plan, the amount of the annual maintenance budget used would be reduced from two thirds of the budget to one half for the first three years. After that time,

General Fund debt would be reduced because of the conclusion of payments for City Hall. The remainder of the debt could then be paid by the General Fund. Councilmember Clark asked if the City really wanted to own the street. Councilmember Stoebener stated for the last four (4) focus sessions, this project had a high priority. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager said the maintenance was addressed with the proposed project. Councilmember Ice agreed with Councilmember Stoebener saying this is no easy answer. Mayor McCord stated he has had complaints of thoroughfares within the City that are not owned by the City. The City can not do anything about the issues on the State Highways. Mayor McCord voiced concern about missing an opportunity to get the money and complete the project stating the safety of small children walking to Parkview Elementary is something he is very passionate about. Councilmember Jack discussed curb/gutter and sidewalk issues saying he felt the property owners should have to pay for the improvements as other citizens in the community have done. Sewer issues were another concern of Councilmember Jack. Interim City Manager Gaugh said any sewer issues would not be insurmountable, nor would funding from the Sewer Department be a problem.

Public Works Director Bontrager informed Council that the Public Works Department would do some of the sidewalk work to save money. STP money would also be used to fund the project. The City receives \$30,000 a year from the STP program with the stipulation that the money is spent for right of way improvements. The City could lose \$135,000 if the money is not committed by fall.

Councilmember Jack asked how the intersection at Prospect and Harris Street would be straightened out. Public Works Director Bontrager said the work at the intersection would start early and make a gentler “s” like intersection.

The motion to pass Bill 2008-35 on second reading failed with the following vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers McCord and Stoebener. “Nay”: Councilmembers Ice, Clark and Jack.

Consideration of Employment of YMCA for Community Activities Coordination. Councilmember Clark said this idea would enhance the work done by the Cameron Chamber of Commerce and reach a broader base of the population. This would also raise community awareness. Councilmember Clark stated the cost to employ the YMCA would be minimal. A second phase of the program would be to solicit the community to get an idea of community activities that the citizens would like to have implemented. Interim City Manager Gaugh asked for a voice vote with the idea being taken to the Cameron Park Board and see if the project would move forward.

City Attorney Elliott said if an agreement was reached, it would then need to be memorialized with a contract. Mary Jo Eiberger, Cameron Regional YMCA, stated the YMCA has worked with the Chamber and would be happy to get the word out on activities planned within the City. Councilmember Clark moved to proceed with talks with the YMCA and to return to the Council with a contract. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. Discussion. Councilmember Stoebener expressed concern that the

wants of the community could exceed any funding available. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2008-42, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FULL DEED OF RELEASE IN SATISFACTION OF A DEED OF TRUST FOR PHILIP AND ERIN POHREN AT LOT 17, VALLEY BROOK SUBDIVISION**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-42 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Stoebener to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Development Director Hendee explained the Pohren's had received a \$3,000 Home Buyers Assistance Program loan. Under the loan agreement, the buyers agreed to live in the property for three years. If the buyer chooses to sell the property, the forgivable promissory note is pro-rated. The Pohren's lived in the home for two years and upon the sale of the property, \$1,000 was paid to the City at the closing. The borrowers are in compliance and the deed needs to be released. City Attorney Elliott said he hopes in the future to do a blanket release of the Deeds of Release. City Attorney Elliott has spoken with Mack Porter, the Valley Brook Developer who gave the money for the assistance program, and Mr. Porter is willing to have the release done. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener 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 Ice 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: Clark, Ice, Jack, McCord and Stoebener. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5444**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2008-43, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AVCO INC., FOR CRIMSON COURT SLAB REPLACEMENT AND CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-43 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager reported major street failure has occurred in the cul-de-sac on Crimson Court. The project was bid, with only one (1) bid received. AVCO, Inc. bid \$16,900. Staff recommends approval of the contract. Public Works Director Bontrager told Council the Public Works Department will cut and remove the concrete in an effort to save money. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark 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 Stuebener and seconded by Councilmember Ice said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Ice, Jack, McCord and Stuebener. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5445**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Park Board Appointment. Public Works Director Bontrager said the term of Phil Robinson expired and the Park Board recommends the reappointment of Mr. Robinson. Councilmember Stuebener moved to reappoint Phil Robinson. Councilmember Jack seconded motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, asked how he could get the survey results discussed earlier in the Session. Copies of the results were given to Mr. Hart. The results will also be published in the Cameron Citizen-Observer.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Reminded Council a public hearing would be held August 18, 2008 regarding setting the annual tax levy.
- The annual Budget Workshop will be held August 18, 2008 and notices will be placed with the media informing the public.
- Registration for the annual Missouri Municipal League Conference is due.
- Noted the deadline for applications for the city manager position closed July 25, 2008.

Councilmember Stuebener:

- Said the Park Board minutes were very good, but noted that Councilmember Jack and she were also in attendance.
- Commended the City on the Fly-In held at the Cameron Memorial Airport over the weekend. Also said the YMCA and Police Advisory Board were to be commended for their work on the Family Fun night held in Recreation Park July 26, 2008. A triathlon was held with approximately 180 participants that same day.

Councilmember Jack:

- Also enjoyed the Fly-In and stated he hopes it will continue to grow.

Interim City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council Staff is looking into message boards to help inform the public of upcoming events. City Attorney Elliott was asked to check State regulations regarding message boards.

Public Works Director Bontrager:

- Said Region D had an electronic collection over the weekend. Several local citizens used the opportunity to dispose of unwanted electronic devices. Public Works Director Bontrager suggested Council contacting Region D and requesting more collections of this type.
- Commended Eric Evans, Airport Manager, and the CERT group for their efforts during the Fly-In. Staff plans to continue with this as an annual event.
- Told Council McElwain Drive is nearly complete and asked if a ceremony would be appropriate for the grand opening of the street. Mayor McCord said a ceremony of some kind would be nice.

Mayor McCord:

- Said he had spoken with an individual Saturday who did not know about the electronic collection being held that day. Mayor McCord suggested getting the word out earlier when these events are being held.

A photo session will be held following the next Council Session in order to update photos in the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 6:20 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

APPROVED:

Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr.

ATTEST:

City Clerk