

**CITY OF CAMERON
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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 15th day of December 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 City Manager David Watson, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Minutes of the December 1, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Ice.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor McCord presented a "Proclamation of Appreciation" and a "Key to the City of Cameron" to Phil Webster acknowledging Mr. Webster's many years of service to the Cameron Community. Mr. Webster, who has worked for Alliance Water Resources for the past eighteen years operating the City of Cameron Wastewater Treatment Plant, has been transferred to Sedalia, Missouri. Council all agreed Mr. Webster will be missed not only for his work at the Plant, but also for his many volunteer hours of dedicated service to the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Watson reviewed the Holiday schedule noting City Hall will close at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, 2008. In addition to Christmas Day, City Hall will also be closed on Friday, December 26, 2008, reopening Monday, December 29, 2008.
2. January 19, 2009 and February 16, 2009 are holidays on which Regular Council Sessions fall. These Sessions will not be held, but single issue Sessions have been scheduled to conduct necessary business. January 26, 2009 a Council Session will be held to certify candidates and call for the April 7, 2009 General Election. February

- 23, 2009 a joint meeting will be held with the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.
3. City Manager Watson reminded all personal and real estate taxes are due.
 4. The sound boards have been installed in the Council Chamber.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the Plan. A draft of the Plan is now on the City of Cameron website.
2. Planning and Zoning. The Commission has approved a Conditional Use Permit for a communications tower at West Grand and Harris Streets. The Permit will come to Council January 5, 2009 for consideration.
3. Transportation Update. Development Director Shellby Hendee discussed the Missouri Department of Transportation's Safe and Sound Bridge Program and proposed Interstate 35 repairs south of the City of Cameron.
4. Valley Brook. A close out meeting will be held regarding the Community Development Block Grant for Valley Brook Subdivision. Development Director Hendee reported 48 of the 52 lots are occupied and 32 of those lots were purchased by low-to-moderate income buyers. There were 29 Homebuyers Assistance recipients receiving a \$3,000 forgivable loan for their purchase.
5. Leadership Northwest Missouri. This group is now separate from the St. Joseph, Missouri Heartland Foundation. The City of Cameron has sponsored a \$500 scholarship for the leadership annual class; and, donated \$1,500 to the Great Northwest Day at the Capitol in the past. Council had no objections to continuing this practice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Holiday Lights and Judges. Mayor McCord recognized and thanked residents attending the Session from the Cameron Missouri Veterans' Home for judging the 18th annual Christmas Lighting contest for the City. The judges were: Bob Allen, Brad Hook, Richard Patterson, Hildred Williams, Arthur Bonham, Mary Hower, James Hubbard, Don Knapp, Virginia Scott and Robert Skillman. Mayor McCord presented a monogrammed City of Cameron blanket to the judges.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2008-68, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE CAMERON CITY LIMITS, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-68 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Cameron Fire Department Chief Mike O'Donnell reviewed the relationship history between the City and the Cameron Fire Protection District. The District mirrors the Cameron R-1 School District and has a levy of \$0.30 per \$100 valuation. Of this levy, 60 percent comes to the City of Cameron for their protection services. The remaining 40 percent is used by the District to purchase equipment

for the Fire Department. Chief O'Donnell recommended approval of the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jack 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 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 5470**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Resolution 2008-23, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A 1995 CHEVROLET TWO TON TRUCK AND A 2003 H&H TRAILER FROM THE REGION H HOMELAND SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM TO BE USED BY THE CAMERON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE SCENE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-23 were available for the public. Councilmember Clark moved to pass Resolution 2008-23. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion. Discussion. Fire Chief O'Donnell explained the Department has the opportunity to purchase a 1995 Chevrolet truck and a 2003 trailer for \$2 each from the Region H Homeland Security Response Team which will be used for emergency management response situations. Staff is also recommending a 1983 Chevrolet truck used by the Fire Department be declared surplus and donated to the Hamilton Fire Department. Staff recommends approval of this Resolution. Resolution 2008-23 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2008-24, **A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SURPLUS VARIOUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAMERON POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI** was read by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-24 were available for the public. Mayor McCord noted the agenda was amended to include this Resolution. Councilmember Stoebener moved to pass Resolution 2008-24. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion. Discussion. City Manager Watson stated the Police Department has requested permission to dispose of unused and no longer needed items to increase their storage space. Staff recommends approval. Resolution 2008-24 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Library Board Appointments. The terms of Joy Simpson Bowers, Mary Beth Carr and Tracy Tharp expire January 2009. All three are eligible to serve another three year term and all have expressed an interest in doing so. The Library Board recommends the reappointment of each of the current members. Councilmember Ice moved to reappoint Ms. Bowers, Ms. Carr and Ms. Tharp to the Cameron Library Board for another term. Councilmember Stoebener seconded the motion which passed with unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank Buck, 203 West 13th Street, said he appreciated the change the sound boards have made in the acoustics of the Council Chamber.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Informed Council local designer Cindy Barber had worked with Staff on the sound boards in the Council Chamber. City Manager Watson acknowledged Inspector Han and Director of Utilities Gaugh for their work with the sound boards.

Councilmember Stobener:

- Commended the Employee Committee for the Safety Meeting event.
- Said there were eight or nine Cameron High School students that attended the Youth in Government Program.
- Stated appreciation for Phil Webster and all he has done for Cameron.

Councilmember Jack:

- Also expressed his appreciation to Phil Webster.

Councilmember Clark:

- Wished all Happy Holidays and thanked Phil Webster for his work.

Councilmember Ice:

- Thanked all volunteers for the City of Cameron for their many efforts all year long.

Mayor McCord:

- Stated we have a blessed community and wished all the best of holidays.
- Expressed appreciation for all employees, boards, commissions and prosecutors for the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 5:50 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Stobener .

APPROVED:

Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr.

ATTEST:

City Clerk