CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

REGULAR SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 19th day of September 2011, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Frank Buck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Frank A. Buck presided with the following Councilmembers present: Mark L. Carr, Jerri Ann Eddins and David Fry. Absent: Dennis M. Clark.

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

Minutes of the September 6, 2011 and September 9, 2011 meetings were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Fry. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, stated her concerns with the sign bill on tonight's agenda limiting the number of signs allowed. Ms. Becker also said digital signs create driving hazards and should be taken into consideration within the bill.

Gary Frazier, 103 East Fourth Street, referenced the September 15, 2011 Finance Committee meeting and asked Council to hold another meeting and make a decision on salaries. Mr. Frazier said a salary decision could have bearing on the sales tax initiatives on the November ballot.

Nada Woodworth, 1009 Timberline Drive, asked City Attorney Elliott about the student lawyer he introduced at the last Council Session. City Attorney Elliott said he would continue to serve as the City's attorney; and, he would supervise the student, Cale Griffin. City Attorney Elliott receives $100 per hour and Mr. Griffin's rate of pay would be $50 per hour.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. September 15, 2011 two (2) Council Committee meetings were held. The Electric Committee discussed the electric peak shaving plant. During the last few years the electric rate structure has changed making it no longer cost effective to operate peak shaving equipment. The City's generators are currently in need of substantial repairs. Interim City Manager Gaugh recommended declaring the peaking shaving equipment as surplus since it is no longer cost effective to operate. The Committee also discussed pursing a contract extension with Platte-Clay Electric in return for assistance building a new substation in the south part of the City. Allgeier, Martin & Associates, our electrical engineer, completed a study in September 2010 which indicated we are nearing capacity and will need the substation. Mayor Buck stated we only have one (1) vote with our Cooperative membership and feels the City should pursue being added as a member to the Platte-Clay Board of Directors. The City is currently Platte-Clay's largest utility customer. Board membership is an elected position. Interim City Manager Gaugh said there are likely bylaws that would prohibit getting more votes, but getting a seat on the board would be the best way to approach additional input.
2. The Finance Committee met and discussed salaries and benefits. Staff was instructed to follow up with a market survey regarding job description/duties. Discussion was held on the use of time clocks and Staff will gather more information for consideration.
3. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported the City is involved in class action law suit litigation for atrazine recovery. Staff is hoping to recover the cost for removal of the chemical flowing into the water supply from the water shed surrounding the reservoirs.
4. Mayor Buck has been asked to sign a letter of support for a pipeline project. Interim City Manager Gaugh researched the request and said it is a legitimate project and could have an environmental impact, but also could be good for this area. There were no objections from Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2011-57, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ONE (1) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2010 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2011** was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-57 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-57 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Clark. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5689**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2011-58, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR 'RANK WEEDS' IN SECTION 8-176, DEFINITIONS, OF DIVISION 3, WEEDS AND NOXIOUS PLANTS, IN ARTICLE III, NUISANCES, OF CHAPTER 8, OFFENSES-**

MISCELLANEOUS OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-58 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-58 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Clark. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5690**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2011-60, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAMERON BUDGET OF THE ENSUING FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012** was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-60 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-60 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Clark. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5691**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2011-63, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, REPEALING ARTICLE 23, SIGN REQUIREMENTS, OF CHAPTER 13, ZONING OF THE CAMERON CITY CODE AND ENACTING NEW ARTICLE 23, SIGN REQUIREMENTS, THEREIN** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-63 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-63 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

Bill 2011-64, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GAMETIME ATHLETICS TO INSTALL AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT THE CAMERON SOCCER COMPLEX,** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-64 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-64 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-64 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Clark. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5692**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Appointments:

- Cameron Housing Authority: A notice was published in the *Cameron Citizen-Observer* seeking candidates to serve on the Cameron Housing Authority. Copies

of all resumes submitted were forwarded to the Housing Authority for review. Council reviewed resumes and a reappointment certificate that was submitted. Following review, Councilmember Fry moved to appoint Wally Gallian to serve on the Housing Authority. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

- Planning and Zoning Commission: Keith Swindler has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission. A notice was placed in the *Cameron-Citizen Observer* seeking interested individuals to serve on the Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the two (2) resumes submitted and recommended the appointment of Ed Schmidt to the Commission. The other individual withdrew his application stating he would not be able to serve if appointed. Councilmember Carr moved to appoint Ed Schmidt to the Cameron Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Fry seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-13, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, FOR CAMERON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $5,000,000**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2011-13 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass Resolution 2011-13. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh explained Resolutions\ 2011-13 authorizes the Cameron Industrial Development Authority to issue bonds for Cameron Regional Medical Center to expand their facility. The bonds will be tax-exempt and do not bind the City with any debt obligation. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2011-13. Joe Abrutz, Administrator Cameron Regional Medical Center, was present and informed Council that ground breaking is scheduled for December or January. The money from the bonds will be used to build a third operating room and a rehabilitation project. Mr. Abrutz thanked the Council for issuing the bonds. Resolution 2011-13 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 E. Third Street, asked why the City had to approve Resolution 2011-13. Interim City Manager Gaugh responded it is required by the IRS Code and reiterated the City is not obligated for any funds.

Schila Frazier, 103 E. Fourth Street, asked if Platte-Clay's bylaws could be changed to allow the City to have more votes. Interim City Manager Gaugh said he will explore the possibility, but under the current power contract the opportunity for additional votes would be limited.

Gary Frazier, 103 East Fourth Street, said having no public works capital improvements in the approved budget and asking for two (2) sales tax initiatives is putting the citizens of

Cameron in a leverage position to fund public works improvements. Mr. Frazier said City payroll needs to be examined and position layoffs considered immediately.

Bud Linder, 607 West Sixth Street, asked why the City spent $750 for a consultant during the search for a City Manager and then chose to continue the appointment of Interim City Manager Gaugh for an additional 12 months. Mr. Linder asked if the candidates were put on hold for twelve months. Councilmember Eddins stated the fee for the consultant services was $500 which only paid for Mr. Markenson's expenses. Councilmember Carr said there is no longer a job opening and noted that Interim City Manager Gaugh is doing a great job double tasking as Utility Director and Interim City Manager. The appointment also realizes an annual payroll savings of $100,000 for the City. Councilmember Carr said the Council and Staff have worked hard to get to this point and are pleased with the result.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Encouraged Council to hire a professional to conduct a study of salaries with target positions. The study should accurately compare job descriptions/duties versus job titles.

Councilmember Eddins:

- Stated all facts need to be gathered before a decision can be made. Mayor Buck added the Finance Committee is in the process of gathering information.

Councilmember Carr:

- Asked Staff to inspect the sidewalk at 728 South Chestnut Street noting that an elderly lady had fallen because of the condition of the sidewalk.
- Said there is a pile of dirt left over from the water main project in the right-of-way at 718 South Chestnut Street that needs to be removed. Interim City Manager Gaugh informed Council that two (2) residents had requested dirt be left for their use following the water main project. Interim City Manager Gaugh will contact the resident and request the dirt be removed.
- Addressed the personnel issue discussed in Public Participation saying he encourages respectful dialogue. There was an intense exchange between Council and an individual in the gallery. The response from the gallery led Councilmember Eddins to inform the individual that his conduct was out of line and he was asked to cease or leave the gallery. Councilmember Carr stated the Council needs to be productive and take the time to get an equitable plan that is best for Cameron and all concerned.

Mayor Buck:

- Thanked all for their attendance.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Eddins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Clark.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Jerri Ann Eddins

ATTEST:

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City Clerk