

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	A
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 Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 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: Dennis M. Clark, Jerri Ann Eddins and David Fry. Absent: Councilmember Mark L. Carr.

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

Minutes of the November 7, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Fry. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, asked why financial support of \$2,000 per month for economic development was not on the agenda as discussed at the last Council Session. Mr. Hart commented that Mayor Buck and Interim City Manager Gaugh serving on the public/private board seemed to him to be a conflict of interest.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, stated she opposes the City supporting economic development with a public/private partnership.

Gary Frazier, 103 East Fourth Street, discussed the City Manager job description and said he disagreed with the cities used for the compensation study.

Nada Woodworth, 1009 Timberline Drive, said the study conducted by Destiny Consulting regarding benefits, found the City paid 12 percent to 22 percent higher benefits than the comparison cities. Dr. Woodworth also noted she did not like the choice of the cities used for the study.

**INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT**

1. Interim City Manager Gaugh reported the Finance Committee met to discuss salary and benefits. The Committee recommended no action be taken at this time. Staff will watch the revenue streams and take another look at salaries/benefits for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in May and June 2012.
2. A cost of service study regarding electrical rates is being conducted to assure all rates are cost based and accurate.
3. Background work is being conducted regarding street and storm water improvements. Requests for Qualification for design work will be solicited with hope of receiving 10 to 12 responses. Interviews would be conducted with the top three (3) firms. Staff is evaluating concrete versus asphalt to determine the most cost effective and most beneficial route to take for the improvements.
4. Interim City Manager Gaugh said the economic development public/private partnership issue was not on the agenda because the partnership needs to be more defined. An agreement for the partnership will come to Council in Bill form for approval.
5. The Cameron Chamber of Commerce has informed Interim City Manager Gaugh they are not sponsoring an Airshow in 2012, but will consider sponsoring one again in 2013. It takes a great number of volunteers to put on a quality Airshow and volunteer man power is one of the main concerns voiced by the Chamber. The Chamber has said they are considering a Fly-In for 2012.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2011-16, A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, RE-TITLING THE CITY OF CAMERON'S CITY CLERK/COLLECTOR POSITION TO READ CITY CLERK/FINANCE CLERK,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2011-16 were available for the public. Councilmember Clark moved to pass Resolution 2011-16. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Discussion. Mayor Buck said Council decided to revise the title to more accurately reflect the duties performed by the position. Councilmember Clark stated Destiny Consultants, with 20 years of experience in the field, made the recommendation to change the title. Resolution 2011-16 passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

**Bill 2011-65, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4, FINANCE AND TAXATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 4-6. COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES, IN ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL,** was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-65 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-65 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5696**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2011-66, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, WATER, SEWAGE AND ELECTRICITY OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE OF THE CITY OF**

**CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 12-137, SERVICE CHARGE FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, IN ARTICLE 22, WATER; CREATING A NEW SECTION 12-289(a), SERVICE CHARGE FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, IN ARTICLE III, SEWER; AND, CREATING A NEW SECTION 12-307, SERVICE CHARGE FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, OF ARTICLE IV, ELECTRICITY** was read on third reading by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-66 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 2011-66 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5697**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill 2011-69, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A STORM WATER SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-69 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. The ¼ of one (1) percent sales tax passed in a Special Election held November 8, 2011. The sales tax will sunset in twenty years. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Eddins said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5698**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2011-70, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX ON RETAIL SALES**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-70 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. The ½ of one (1) percent sales tax passed in a Special Election held November 8, 2011. The sales tax will sunset in ten (10) years. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

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

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, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. Absent: Councilmember Carr. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5699**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

**Bill 2011-71, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND BURDG WAY AIR, LLC FOR LOT #4 LOCATED AT THE CAMERON MEMORIAL AIRPORT**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-71 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager explained this is a ground lease at the airport. There are seven (7) lots to be leased, four (4) small lots and three (3) large lots. The leases will be identical with small lots leasing for \$450 and large lots for \$650 annually. The lots will be leased for private construction of individual hangars. Specific guidelines are in place for construction of the hangars. The leasee has two (2) years to begin construction. The term of the lease is 20 years with possibility of a ten (10) year extension. After the lease expires, the lot ownership and improvements revert back to the City. Use of this type of lease is common practice at airports. Bill 2011-71 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, said she was not pleased with the salary report data or the ten (10) cities that were used in the report. Ms. Becker distributed questions and comments about the populations used and the selection of the firm used for the study.

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, said he serves as president of the East Grand Estates Homeowners Association. Members of the Association are concerned about safety at the intersection of Fourth Street and East Grand and asked that the City look at the intersection for possible improvements for safety purposes.

Gary Frazier, 103 East Fourth Street, said he is disappointed in the compensation study and in changing the title for the City Clerk position.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilmember Eddins:

- Stated the facts of the compensation study were presented and the issue has been put to rest.

Councilmember Clark:

- Said Council has heard the concerns of the public and has been listening for a considerable time. Gary Markenson, a respected consultant who facilitated the City Manager recruitment process, recommended contacting MARC for a list of consultants. Destiny Consulting was chosen from that recommendation list.

Alisa Henley, Destiny Consultants, has twenty years of experience and her methodology is defensible in court. Councilmember Clark said ultimately this is where we stand and Council has decided to move forward with business.

Interim City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council three (3) electric apprentice linemen are taking the exam to become journeymen linemen. The only part of the test remaining is pole climbing. When the employees become journeymen linemen the City will have a full crew. Interim City Manager Gaugh said it is hard to recruit journeymen and equally hard to retain them. Council support of the Electric Department has paid off by having a full qualified Staff.

Fire Chief Mike O'Donnell:

- Said a Homeland Security Grant for \$48,000 has been received by the Fire Department. This is a 100 percent grant and the money is being used for 15 hand held radios and 15 wireless radios.

Chief of Police Corey Sloan:

- Discussed safety concerns about dog bites from tethered dogs. Chief Sloan and Inspector Clyde Han are working to bring an anti-tethering law to the City Code. This will first go to the Cameron Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations. Serious animal bite injuries can occur and the issue needs to be addressed. Safe Haven is working with Staff to affect a remedy.

Mayor Buck:

- Thanked all for their attendance.
- Expressed his appreciation to Staff for comments they had prepared and presented to the Finance Committee.
- Reminded all of the upcoming Christmas lighting ceremony and parade.

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

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Mayor Frank A. Buck

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk