CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2011

REGULAR SESSION

Frank A. Buck	P
Mark L. Carr	P
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 5th day of December 2011, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Frank A. 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, Dennis M. Clark, Jerri Ann Eddins and David Fry. Absent: none.

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

Minutes of the November 21, 2011, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Recognition of Christmas Lighting Judges from the Missouri Veterans' Home. Mayor Buck welcomed Veterans Tom Scott, Robert Skillman, Jim Calhoun, Ralph Anderson and Greg Felts from the Cameron Veterans' Home. These gentlemen along with Brad Hook and Edna Shipley, also from the Veterans' Home, were the judges for the City's 21st annual Christmas lighting contest. Mayor Buck expressed the City's appreciation not only for judging the lights but for their individual service to our country.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, objected to the City proposal of $24,000 per year donation to the Economic Development of Cameron (EDOC). Ms. Becker questioned conflict of interest with Mayor Buck and Interim City Manager Gaugh serving on the EDOC Board.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. Street and Storm Water Improvements. Interim City Manager Gaugh has met with Jack Dillingham, Piper Jaffray, regarding bond underwriting to fund the proposed

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improvements to be made with sales tax collections approved by voters November 8, 2011. Mr. Dillingham will work with Gilmore & Bell on securing the best interest rates and enabling the City to get the improvements done.

2. Economic Development Agreement. This will be addressed later in the meeting.
3. Power Contract. The current contract with Platte-Clay Electric ends in 2021. It is the mutual interest of the City and Platte-Clay to extend the contract in conjunction with building a substation needed in the south part of the City. Platte-Clay is willing to do the work and contribute heavily toward building the substation. Meetings are in the early stages and Interim City Manager Gaugh will keep Council informed of any progress.
4. Emergency Backup Procedures. Interim City Manager Gaugh discussed the need for improved generators in case of emergencies such as ice storms, etc.
5. Interim City Manager Gaugh informed Council there are no urgent items that need attention and inquired if Council would consider cancelling the December 19, 2011 Regular Council Session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Economic Development Report – Terry Rumery. Mr. Rumery distributed a presentation from Rumery & Associates to Council for review. EDOC has proposed an agreement between the City, various private companies and Rumery and Associates for a private/public effort to promote economic development in Cameron. Rumery and Associates is a full service, private firm representing different communities in their economic development efforts. Assistance to communities includes promoting industrial, retail and office development. Mr. Rumery also stated his company concentrates on existing business' needs as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 on second reading 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 Carr to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Bill 2011-71 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

On motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark said bill was placed on third reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5700**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2011-72, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF**

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CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE CAMERON CITY LIMITS, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2011-72 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Fry to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. This is a renewal of the annual contract with the Cameron Rural Fire District. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Councilmember Carr 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, Carr, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5701**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

6:20 p.m. Councilmember Carr recused himself from the Council Chamber citing a potential conflict of interest as his wife is being considered for reappointment to the Library Board.

Library Board Appointments. The terms of Tracy Tharp, Mary Beth Carr and Joy Simpson Bowers expire in January 2012. All have agreed to serve another term if re-appointed. Councilmember Clark moved to reappoint Tracy Tharp, Mary Beth Carr and Joy Simpson Bowers to the Library Board. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Absent: Councilmember Carr.

6:25 p.m. Councilmember Carr returned to the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sue Manion, 11742 Packard Lane, co-owner of Manion Concrete, business person and developer in Cameron, stated her opposition to the Economic Development of Cameron Board proposition of a public/private arrangement for economic development. Ms. Manion said she supports economic development and feels the City should have a fulltime employee serving that capacity.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, said a fulltime employee for economic development could be on staff for less than the previous one was paid. Ms. Becker expressed concerns over the compensation study recently presented to Council.

Mark Garges, 315 Oak Avenue, stated 40 years ago a number of businessmen formed a group to meet the economic development needs of Cameron. Cameron Manor, correctional facilities and the Missouri Veterans' Home are some of the fruits of their efforts. Mr. Garges said it is worth investing in economic development.

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Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, asked Council to bring the economic development agreement to the public in bill form so the public can speak to the issue.

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Councilmember Clark:

- Noted the importance of economic development.
- Said the City runs on volunteerism citing the Fire Department, School Board, etc. as examples. Local small businesses allow their employees to participate with the Fire Department during business hours. Economic development is vital to the growth that small businesses need to survive. Some business owners volunteer their time and employee's time and realize the need for economic development.

Interim City Manager Gaugh:

- Stated the City has two (2) representatives on the EDOC Board because the City will have 2/3 of the investment for the public/private economic development partnership. This arrangement does not sign off the authority to spend the money, but would be the oversight for use of public funds from the City of Cameron.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Said conflict of interest is not the issue here. Two members are there to prevent delegation of statutory responsibility. The City cannot delegate statutory responsibility, so they must enter into a cooperative agreement which would require City representation. Mayor Buck and Interim City Manager Gaugh need to be present to prevent illegal use of public funds. It is not a conflict; but, a preservation of statutory responsibility. City Attorney Elliott will draft the agreement. The process will be taken one step at a time to get the legalities correct.

Mayor Buck:

- Thanked all for their attendance and said he appreciated the comments.

Councilmember Fry:

- Asked about the meeting scheduled for December 19, 2011. Following discussion, Councilmember Carr moved to cancel the December 19, 2011 Council Session Council Session. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business on motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Frank A. Buck

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk

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