# CITY OF CAMERON
# MINUTES
# JANUARY 17, 2012

## REGULAR SESSION

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| 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 Tuesday, the 17th day of January 2012, 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, 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 January 3, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Eddins.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 East Fifth Street, said she is opposed to the City participating in a public/private endeavor for an economic development director.

## INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Alliance Water Refund Presentation. Roger Moerke, Alliance Water Resources, presented the City with a refund check for $16,746. The annual expenses came in less than anticipated, resulting in a refund per the annual contract for operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Street and Storm Improvements Update. Staff interviewed three (3) engineering firms for the Walnut Street drainage project and recommend Olson Engineers for the project. Interim City Manager Gaugh said he was impressed with Olson's attention to detail and their knowledge of the City's proposed project. An agreement will be presented to Council for consideration.

3. Economic Development. The Finance Committee met January 11, 2012 to consider the affordability of hiring someone to perform economic development work for the City on a part-time basis. The Committee recommends proceeding with the endeavor and working within the set budget limit of $24,000. Interim City Manager Gaugh suggested a one (1) year agreement. The current budget also has $5,000 for memberships in the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) and MoKAN Regional Council. The majority of our leads for retail and industrial prospects are provided by KCADC and they play a role in continued economic development. A workshop for economic development has been scheduled for February 7, 2012. Council and the Economic Development Corporation will meet to discuss the issues. Bev Maltsberger, University of Missouri Extension Office, will facilitate the meeting.
4. Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee met January 10, 2012 to discuss emergency preparedness. The City will proceed with providing backup power to the water plant and pump station(s) and will modify the existing backup power at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. A small rate increase is anticipated to cover the cost. Staff will also work on providing a fixed generator at the Public Safety Building. The second issue discussed was the downtown siren. Emergency management recommends not using the siren to signal various times of the day. Over use of the siren could desensitize citizens when an actual emergency is eminent. Cost for a new siren, which would play different tones and/or chimes, is higher than anticipated. The funding will come from the General Fund. The Committee recommends waiting to purchase a new siren when General Fund Reserves are in better shape. Interim City Manager Gaugh said one option would be use of a public address speaker system which could also be used for announcements at City functions in the downtown area. Interim City Manager Gaugh has a meeting scheduled Friday with a vendor to discuss this option and to get pricing. Councilmember Carr said he would like to see musical chimes used to denote the hours. One such system Councilmember Carr researched is priced at $7,000. That cost could be reduced to $3,300 if the City supplies the speakers and amplifiers. Staff will continue to work on a solution.
5. Power Contract. Staff is meeting with Platte-Clay Electric to review the current proposed power contract. The current contract expires in 2025 and the proposed contract would extend until 2045. If an extension is negotiated, Platte-Clay would fund a new sub-station to serve a large part of our electrical load in the southwest part of the City. Staff will also present an engineering agreement for a design to upsize a power line at the water plant substation and a three-phase line from West Street to Ford Street in the near future. The cost of the upgrade project is expected to be $1.4 million. Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc., who has been the electrical engineer for the City since 1950 Vernon Lawson, president of Allgeier Martin, has said the rates and budget are in good shape he encourages the City to extend the contract with Platte-Clay. Mayor Buck inquired about the City obtaining a position on the Board for Platte-Clay. Interim City Manager Gaugh said the City does have a membership with Platte-Clay and discussion on the contract is continuing. Discussion was held on the length of the extension of the power contract. Interim City Manager Gaugh said Platte-Clay will spend $3.5 million on the sub-station. The City would not have any

money invested in the substation and Platte-Clay would completely maintain the facility.

6. Staff is working on a water plant disinfection project and seeking a grant for one half of the cost. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $900,000.
7. The Alliance Water Resources staff and the City are continuing to work for a solution for the oxidation ditch shaft failure.

Councilmember Clark asked if a second opinion is needed regarding the power contract extension with Platte-Clay. Interim City Manager Gaugh said he could invite Vernon Lawson, Allgeier Martin, to come and visit with Council regarding his recommendation.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2012-2, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND STEARMAN AVIATION, LLC FOR LOT #1 LOCATED AT THE CAMERON MEMORIAL AIRPORT** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Bill 2012-2 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Carr to pass said bill on third reading. Discussion. Bill 2012-2 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 5703**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2012-3, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 3 APRIL 2012, FIXING THE POLLING PLACES OF SAID ELECTION, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED AND ELECTION SUPPLIES PROCURED FOR SAID ELECTION,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-3 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Eddins to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Five (5) candidates have filed for the two terms that are expiring. There was one attempted filing which was not in proper form and cannot be certified. The terms of Frank A. Buck and Mark L. Carr expire April 2012. Councilmember Carr has chosen not to re-file. The General Election must be certified in Clinton and DeKalb Counties by January 24, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

On motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Fry 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 5704**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2012-4, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND NW ELECTRIC POWER COOP FOR LOT #2 LOCATED AT THE CAMERON MEMORIAL AIRPORT,** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-4 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Eddins and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager stated the lease is identical to the two (2) recently approved for Burdg Airway and Stearman Aviation LLC. 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. Bill 2012-4 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, stated again her opposition to public funds being used for private interest regarding the economic development director position.

## MISCELLANEOUS

City Attorney Elliott:

- Said he had distributed a memo at the last Council Session explaining public/private funding. The memo stated it is not proper or constitutional for the City to give money to the YMCA, but it is constitutional for the City to contract with the YMCA to perform public purposes. It is legal to do so. The City can partner with private entities to perform public purposes. Such would be the case with the proposed partnering for the economic development position.
- City Attorney Elliott said the memo distributed at the Council Session tonight states the requirement that the election authority must observe the candidate filing in order to be on the ballot. The candidate must come and sign the document in the presence of the Clerk or the Clerk's designee. This is a state law and the City has no discretion on this. The local election authority has no discretion with the state law.

Motion was made at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel [RSMo 610.021 (2) (3)] by Councilmember Carr. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Eddins. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 7:35 p.m. There being no further business, on motion made by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Carr, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Frank A. Buck

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk