

**CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

SPECIAL SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Special Session on Tuesday, the 14th day of February 2012, at twelve 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 and David Fry. Absent: Jerri Ann Eddins.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Hart, 1004 East Second Street Terrace, said the Sunshine Law requires public meetings to be held at a "reasonable time" and questioned the time of this meeting.

Julie Becker, 424 East Third Street, distributed a booklet, "The Constitution of the United States". Ms. Becker stated her opposition to using public funds for private purposes referencing the proposed contract for economic development.

12:05 p.m. Councilmember Eddins arrived.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2012-8, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND CAMERON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE d.b.a. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CAMERON, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2012-8 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Carr and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Interim City Manager Gaugh said the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce would partner efforts to promote economic growth and vitality in the City. The City will invest \$2,000 per month toward

the effort. The Mayor and City Manager will serve as members of the Committee representing the City/public interest. EDOC will engage a person/firm to perform economic development work. Interim City Manager Gaugh stated the current budget anticipated the possibility of a private/public partnership. There is \$31,000 in the budget with \$26,000 for a potential effort such as this. \$5,000 was budgeted for membership dues in Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) and MoKAN where economic development efforts are made.

The Committee will hire an independent contractor to fill the position. A survey is currently underway to determine and prioritize crucial points for the position. EDOC has 14 members, including the Mayor and City Manager. The agreement proposed in Bill 2012-8 expires December 31, 2012.

Opposition to the project from Ms. Becker was noted, but it was stated there are several others in strong favor of the arrangement. There is legal precedent for this type of agreement where public money is contracted to private organizations to be utilized for public intentions. It was pointed out that monies from the recently passed sales tax initiatives, by law, are dedicated to street and storm water issues only. Those monies may not be used for economic development purposes.

Economic development takes much time and effort. The contract concludes at the end of the year, but economic development needs to continue in some form for the good of the City. Development probably will not happen in the next few months; it will take time, teamwork and community input. The process will need to continue to be successful.

EDOC will give the City progress updates on a regular basis.

City Attorney Elliott stated it is important to recognize the “Where As” in paragraph 3 of the economic development agreement “WHEREAS, economic development under this agreement shall include public purposes such as programming, business enticement, job creation, small business opportunity workshops, publication of news related to development, introduction of prospective businesses, determining business prospects, and” This is a public purpose to encourage development in Cameron which is very much a part of our charge according to City Attorney Elliott. No violation of opening meetings law has occurred. The agenda was properly posted, public is in attendance and was given the opportunity to speak.

Bill 2012-8 passed on first reading only with a unanimous voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Buck:

- Thanked Christie O’Donnell for taking notes at the Economic Development Workshop.

Motion was made at 12:20 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Personnel [RSMo 610.021 (3)] by Councilmember Eddins. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Carr. Roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Eddins and Fry. “Nay” none.

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Resolution 2012-1, **RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK S. GAUGH AS CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Councilmember Carr moved to pass Resolution 2012-1. Councilmember Eddins seconded the motion. Resolution 2012-1 passed with the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Buck, Carr, Clark, Eddins and Fry. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened Open Session at 12:40 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Carr, seconded by Councilmember Fry the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. with a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

Mayor Frank A. Buck

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Finance Clerk