CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2012

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Jerri Ann Eddins	P
David Fry	P
Ronnie Jack	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 4th day of June 2012, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Dennis M. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Dennis M. Clark presided with the following Councilmembers present: Darlene Breckenridge, Jerri Ann Eddins, David Fry and Ronnie Jack. Absent: none.

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

Minutes of the May 21, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Jack and seconded by Councilmember Breckenridge.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fr. Paul Turner, pastor at St. Munchin Catholic Church-316 West Third Street, informed Council he is transferring from St. Munchin Parish to St. Anthony Parish in Kansas City, Missouri. Fr. Paul expressed his appreciation not only to members of St. Munchin, but to the broader community of Cameron who accepted him as a member of the community and he encouraged the City to continue to build on their strengths.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Blue Ribbon Committee for Transportation. City Manager Gaugh attended a meeting of the Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee on Missouri Transportation Needs May 21, 2012 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He improvements at the US Highway 36 and Bob F. Griffin Road intersection. The Committee also discussed potential funding options for road projects and improvements across the State of Missouri.

Employee Health Insurance Premium Increases. There will be a premium increase for employee health coverage for the 2012-2013 plan year effective in July. The increase will be paid by the employees and thereby be budget neutral for the City.

Shaft Failure at Wastewater Plant. The Waste Water Treatment Plant recently experienced an oxidation ditch rotor shaft failure from metal fatigue. Alliance Water Resources has put a temporary aeration system in place. When the Honeywell improvements at the Plant are completed, Staff will determine whether or not the rotor shaft will come out of service and decide other possible remedies for operations.

Atrazine Litigation. City Manager Gaugh reported on a class action lawsuit the City is participating in against Syngenta, producer of atrazine. The settlement money will allow the City to recover expenses that have occurred in the removal of atrazine from our finished water. The settlement is for $150 million with approximately 2,000 cities involved in the suit. It is unknown at this time the amount of money Cameron will receive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Environmental/Capital Improvements Update. City Manager Gaugh updated Council on various improvements that are under consideration. The Water Fund is looking at major capital improvements by adding chloramines to the system. The City could apply for a 50 percent matching grant when and if we partner with the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission. Since we currently use chlorine, which would not mix with the GNWWC water source, we would need to change to chloramines.

There are large items at the Waste Water Treatment Plant are that will need to be completed in order to remedy inflow/infiltration issues at the Plant and to be compliant with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. Work has begun in Basin 1 where the Porter's lift station is located, including manhole repairs and lining of existing lines. This is only the public side of the improvements that need to be made. Lift Stations one (1) and two (2) need to be combined to take the flow directly to the plant. Lift Station one (1) needs to be replaced and lift station eight (8) needs to be removed. At Evergreen Street, the force main to the man hole is full and needs attention. The equalization basin at the Plant needs improvement to handle rain water so the Plant will not overload. Rehabilitation of the Plant clarifiers is also needed. Number 4 lift station is on the list for improvements. City Manager Gaugh will propose a priority list which will combine several projects into one (1) Certificate of Participation (COP) Issue which will result in an overall savings for the combined improvements needed.

The average flow at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is 1,000,000 gallons. When there is a rain event, the flow can increase between 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 gallons. Staff is trying to keep rates low, but increases are needed. The water rate increased three (3) percent in October 2011. HDR conducted a water rate study in 2009-2010 for both water and sewer. The rates will be adjusted in the fall of 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Application – Elks. The Cameron Elks Lodge # 2615 is working in conjunction with the Cameron Chamber of Commerce for the Independence Day celebration. The Elks Lodge has submitted an application for a Picnic Liquor License for this event which is being held June 29, 2012. Council approved Ordinance 5709 allowing consumption of alcohol in the northwest quarter of McCorkle Park for this annual event. Councilmember Eddins moved to approve the liquor license. Councilmember Breckenridge seconded the motion which passed with the following voice vote: "Aye": four. "Nay": Councilmember Fry.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Eddins:

- Expressed concern over Police Department staffing and requested a Public Safety Committee meeting be scheduled.

City Manager Gaugh:

- Informed Council he and Councilmember Jack had recently attended a Missouri Municipal League meeting and were updated on several regulations.

The entire Council thanked Father Paul Turner for his dedication as pastor to our community and wished him well with his future at St. Anthony Parish.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Fry and seconded by Councilmember Jack, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Clerk