

**CITY OF CAMERON  
MINUTES  
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**REGULAR SESSION**

Dennis M. Clark	P
Everett W. Ice	P
Ronnie Jack	P
Larry L. McCord, Jr.	P
Artis Stoebener	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2008, at five o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr. presided with the following Councilmembers present: Dennis M. Clark, Everett W. Ice, Ronnie Jack and Artis Stoebener. Absent: none.

Present were City Manager David Watson, Attorney for the City Mitch Elliott and City Clerk Barbara J. O'Connor.

Oath of Office – City Manager David Watson. City Clerk O'Connor administered the Oath of Office to David Watson. City Manager Watson was appointed City Manager October 6, 2008 by the City Council. Mayor McCord welcomed City Manager Watson stating the Council is excited to be working with him. Mayor McCord also thanked Director of Utilities Mark Gaugh for serving as Interim City Manager during the recruitment process. City Manager Watson said he has been warmly welcomed to the City and also said he is excited about being in Cameron. City Manager Watson is looking forward to a good relationship with Council and Staff.

Minutes of the October 6, 2008, meeting were approved as submitted with a unanimous voice vote on motion made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Clark.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Watson also thanked Director of Utilities Gaugh for his efforts and time spent as Interim City Manager; and, asked Director of Utilities Gaugh to give his reports.

1. Utility Report. Both the water production and purchase of power reflect usage decreases. Director of Utilities Gaugh said this is more than likely weather related. Revenues will drop a little also.
2. Council Chamber Acoustical Improvements. Director of Utilities Gaugh met with Stan Hendrix regarding the acoustical issues in the Council Chamber. Mr. Hendrix suggested replacing the existing sound boards. If that does not help, carpeting and sound draperies could be other options to try. City Manager Watson said Staff will start with the sound boards and see what kind of results are realized.

## **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Development Director Shellby Hendee was attending the Missouri Community Betterment Awards Banquet in Jefferson City. Mayor McCord read the Development Director's Report to all in the Chamber. Topics of the memo included the Comprehensive Plan which should be ready for Council ratification at the December 15, 2008 Regular Council Session. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended against a conditional use permit requested by Kirk Burkhead for an auto detailing shop in a residential zone. The Commission received several comments regarding garage sale regulations. Further discussion will be held by the Commission before sending their recommendations to Council regarding garage sale regulations. The Tax Increment Financing Commission will meet October 30, 2008 to consider an increase in reimbursable project costs for Orscheln's.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Update on Various Parking Issues. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager addressed the request Council received from Jim McKinley regarding parking on the south side of McCorkle Park. Public Works Director Bontrager gave some history on the parking and said currently this is a snow route and vehicles are prohibited from parking there during snow events. Staff has no objections to making the area an exception in the snow route, but Public Works Director Bontrager noted snow removal operations will cease in this location. Jim McKinley has been contacted by Public Works Director Bontrager and has no objections to the area being exempted. A bill will be presented for Council consideration exempting the area from the Snow Route designation.

Director of Utilities Gaugh updated Council on the parking issue request from Hubert and Ann Maddox. A letter had been sent earlier in the summer to the Mattox's informing them Staff has reviewed their request and could not recommend a change in the parking on Third Street in front of their home. Mayor McCord asked when the signage had been changed at that location. Staff will see what information is available and report back to Council on the change.

Liquor License Guidelines. City Manager Watson and Chief Sloan have requested this issue be continued at a later date.

**Bill 2008-58, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-55 "SERVICE CHARGES", PARAGRAPH (c), DIVISION 2, ARTICLE 888, OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE TO PROVIDE AN**

**INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGE FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT**, was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of said Bill 2008-58 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ice and seconded by Councilmember Jack to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk O'Connor informed Council the increase in the solid waste collection service charge approved by a contract with R.W. Container needs to be codified. Bill 2008-58 also lists the recycling fee and the landfill post closure charges separately. City Manager Watson informed Council the increase in the service charge was 18 percent, but this was below where it could have been. The charge remains lower on this two (2) year contract than the second low bid from two (2) years ago. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Jack 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 Ice said bill was placed on second reading, was read by title and passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Ice, Jack, McCord and Stoebener. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 5460**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2008-17, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING CAMERON, MISSOURI UTILITY DEPARTMENT IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-17 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass Resolution 2008-17. Discussion. Director of Utilities Gaugh informed Council the Federal Trade Commission recently enacted an identity theft rule to protect utility customers. Resolution 2008-17 is in conformance with the Commission's guidelines and will be reviewed on an annual basis. Resolution 2008-17 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2008-18, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW CITY OF CAMERON PERSONNEL GUIDELINE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-18 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass Resolution 2008-18. Discussion. City Clerk O'Connor stated that during the City Manager recruitment process, Council determined the position should be moved from Grade 15 to Grade 16 which enables the City to be more competitive in the open market for Executive Staff members. Resolution 2008-18 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2008-19, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CORPORATE RESOLUTIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CAMERON AND FARMERS STATE BANK ADDING CITY MANAGER DAVID WATSON AS A SIGNATORY ON ALL ACCOUNTS** was read by title by City Clerk O'Connor. Copies of Resolution 2008-19 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Ice to pass Resolution 2008-19. Discussion. Resolution 2008-

19 authorizes City Manager Watson to sign financial instruments with Farmers State Bank needed to transact official City business. The Resolution also removes Director of Utilities Gaugh as a signatory. Resolution 2008-19 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Liquor License Application – The Depot. Jeffery Kamler, Viking USA Bootheel Mo # 462, d.b.a., The Depot, has submitted an application for a Limited Permit Picnic Liquor License for a New Year’s Eve event scheduled at Crossroads Family Fun Center December 31, 2008 through 1:30 a.m. January 1, 2009. Mr. Kamler also proposed a number of self imposed regulations for the event. The Cameron Police Department had no objections to the license being issued. Councilmember Clark moved to approve the Limited Permit Picnic Liquor License stipulating two off-duty uniformed officers to be paid by Mr. Kamler attend the event. Councilmember Jack seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Review and Consideration of Dump Truck and Snow Removal Equipment Bid. Public Works Director Drew Bontrager informed Council the truck and equipment are budgeted items. Staff solicited bids and received only one (1) bid for the dump truck and two (2) bids for the associated snow removal equipment. Staff recommended the bid of \$60,534 from Krantz of Kansas City for the cab and chassis; and Staff also recommended the low bid of \$43,872 for the snow removal equipment also from Krantz of Kansas City. Public Works plans to sell a 15 year old truck to the Electric Department for \$5,000 to replace their 25 year old chipper truck. The Electric Department will then have their old truck declared surplus and sell it. Councilmember Stuebener moved to accept the bids from Krantz of Kansas City for the dump truck and snow removal equipment. Councilmember Clark seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous voice vote. Public Works Director Bontrager also discussed the need for a snow blower at the airport and indicated there could be grant money available to purchase a unit.

Public Hearing – Annexation. Councilmember Clark moved to go into a public hearing for annexation at 5:50 p.m. Councilmember Ice seconded the motion which passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Clark, Ice, Jack, McCord and Stuebener. “Nay” none. Director of Utilities Gaugh filled in for Development Director Hendee and read the following memo to Council and those in attendance at the public hearing: “McElwain Drive Extension is outside the city limits and for law enforcement and management reasons, it is desirable to bring this roadway inside the City. Because the new street is contiguous with the three City reservoirs, we are now able to annex them as well. We also take the opportunity to annex Graceland Cemetery on BB, which was overlooked years ago, as well as the 20 acre tract owned by Bill Mann. RSMo calls for a public hearing on the annexation. Following a ten-day public comment period, the Council will consider an ordinance approving the annexation November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The City must declare only that it has the ability to provide usual City services to the annexed area. Voluntary annexation petitions have been signed by the DeKalb County Commission, Cameron City Council and Bill Mann. Bart Walker, from whom we obtained the McElwain Drive right-of-way, has declined to participate in the annexation at this time. We have urged him to annex and subdivide in order to facilitate development.” City Attorney Elliott stated a notice was published that clearly states the annexation is voluntary. The annexation will allow the Cameron Police Department the ability to enforce speed limits and to patrol for property damage. There were no comments from the public during the hearing. Councilmember Stuebener moved at 5:55 p.m. to adjourn the public hearing and go back into Regular Session.

Councilmember Clark seconded the motion passed by the following roll call vote: “Aye”: Councilmembers: Clark, Ice, Jack, McCord and Stoebener. “Nay” none.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Tasha Hullinger, 523 North Lathrop, addressed Council with her concerns about a Conditional Use Permit that had been applied for by Kirk Burkhead in her neighborhood. Ms. Hullinger cited health concerns and asked that the Permit not be issued. Ms. Hullinger was informed that following a public hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Commission unanimously recommended against the conditional use permit. Mr. Burkhead would have to start the process over if he wished to continue to pursue the permit.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

City Clerk O'Connor:

- Said she will be attending the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (Lagers) Legislative Committee meeting held in conjunction with the annual Lagers meeting October 22-23, 2008.

Councilmember Stoebener:

- Stated she was impressed with City Manager Watson. His first day on the job he attended a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting at noon, a Comprehensive Plan meeting in the evening and a Cameron Economic Development Organization meeting at 7:00 a.m. the following morning.
- Reported the Cameron High School Marching Band placed first in competition at Missouri Western State University's homecoming. The Band will be performing in the annual Cameron Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.
- Encouraged all to attend the Comprehensive Plan Sessions and to let all know the good news going on in Cameron.

Councilmember Jack:

- Said the Cameron Marching Band did indeed place first in 3A competition in St. Joseph and the drum line placed in competition at Trenton.
- Welcomed City Manager Watson.

Councilmember Clark:

- Also welcomed City Manager Watson.
- Echoed Councilmember Stoebener saying communication is a big problem in the community. Councilmember Clark suggested a newsletter with comments from City Manager Watson on a regular basis.

Councilmember Ice:

- Welcomed City Manager Watson.

City Manager Watson:

- Stated he is pleased to be on board and said there will be some changes on the way things are done at the Staff level to see what works.

City Attorney Elliott:

- Discussed Section 445 of Chapter 7 of the Cameron City Code regarding handicap parking in the business districts. City Attorney Elliott said he will be contacting various businesses about signage and proper markings for handicap parking.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous voice vote at 6:10 p.m. on motion made by Councilmember Stoebener and seconded by Councilmember Jack.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Larry L. McCord, Jr.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk