CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
June 15, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

Dennis M. Clark	P
Darlene Breckenridge	P
Becky Curtis	P
Julie Ausmus	P
Roy Estes	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 15th day of June 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at the Goodrich Auditorium, 423 N. Main Street in Cameron, Missouri. 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, Becky Curtis, Julie Ausmus and Roy Estes. Absent: None.

Present were City Manager Stephen Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager Zac Johnson, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

Proclamation – ARBOR DAY : Public Works Director Bontrager explained that each year for Arbor Day the City plants a tree with the Kindergarten Class and takes their photo. With the pandemic, this didn't happen this year. Unfortunately, this was also the year that the first Kindergarten Class who started this tradition were graduating and were unable to do a photo. The good news is that in March, the City of Cameron was designated a 'Tree City USA' following support from former Mayor Breckenridge. As part of this designation the City must maintain their tree inventory, do an annual proclamation and set up tree maintenance guidelines and standards. Councilmember Curtis inquired of the benefits of a 'Tree City USA' designation. Director Bontrager responded that it opens the door for grants and indicates the City's dedication to its tree inventory. Mayor Clark read the Arbor Day Proclamation which proclaimed June 15th as Arbor Day in the City of Cameron.

North Central Missouri Business Facilitation (NCMBF) – Quarterly Report: Stephanie Williams explained that the new facilitator, Shelby Berkemeier, had an emergency and was unable to attend tonight's meeting so she was filling in. The number of clients for NCMBF continues to increase even with the pandemic. Since their inception in March 2016, they've had 249 clients in the six-county area. Of those clients, 40% are from Clinton and DeKalb Counties. One of their recent clients, The Jaded Pistol, is having a ribbon cutting for their business this coming Friday,

June 19th, at noon at 103 E. Third St. Ms. Williams stated she is proud to have served as a facilitator and asked the Council to please continue their support of NCMBF. Councilmember Breckenridge thanked Ms. Williams for her service, "…she is nothing but class," and for her support of the Main Street Program. Mayor Clark also expressed his appreciation for her work.

BJ Reed & Denise Maddex – Cameron Main Street Inc: Expressed their gratitude to the City Council, Staff and the Park Board for all their support for the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration. A handout was provided to Council of the events scheduled for the Fourth of July Holiday. Ms. Reed briefly went over the events planned. A sanitation plan has been developed for the event with necessary materials being provided by local businesses. Future Farmers of American (FFA) members have volunteered to assist with the inflatables at the event. They have had a great response from area businesses with financial support for the event and are proud to announce that the event is completely 'in the black' for their first year of hosting. Cameron Main Street Inc. is very proud to be hosting this event.

Gina Reed, 324 E. Fifth – Cameron Municipal Band: Ms. Reed reported that the Band had a meeting last night by Zoom to discuss the dangers of performing during the COVID-19 pandemic. They've decided to delay the start of their concert season to begin on July 2nd and continue with a shortened season of six concerts plus the Fourth of July performance. They believe the audience can safely attend the concerts as long as social distancing protocols are observed. If the situation changes for the worse, they may make a decision to halt performances. They are considering a performance on the Fourth of July before the parade instead of riding and performing in the parade. Ms. Reed reiterated that the Band wants to play. Mayor Clark thanked the Band for their efforts in this difficult time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Estes to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2020 Regular Session.
b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Special Session.
c. Motion to renew annual liquor licenses for The Cameron Market and Walmart #0109.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen provided Council with a draft copy of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. This plan is still being reviewed by the Finance Committee but he wanted Council to be aware of the potential upcoming projects as Council and Staff begin the budgeting process.

Financial reports as of the end of May and a chart of sales tax remittances for the last several years were included in the Council Packets. City Manager Rasmussen noted that the Airport is currently at about 83% of its budget due to final payments on the airport rehabilitation project. Sales tax trends were discussed in conjunction with expectations of the effect of COVID-19.

Of the original approximate 150-160 easements needed for the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission (GNWWC) project, only 22 easements have yet to be signed. Our deadline for acquiring these easements was June 1st, however, the USDA Director has assured GNWWC that they are committed to continuing to support the project and grant us a necessary extension as long as we continue to aggressively pursue these final easements. The USDA would very much like to get this project on this year's Federal budget.

A large trash drop-off event was held on Sunday, June 7th from 10:00 am until 2:00 p.m. The event was very well attended with waiting vehicles lined up for several blocks. Director Wymes and Councilmember Curtis volunteered to staff the drop-off locations and verify participant's residency. R&W Container provided the first two containers at no charge to the City. There were eight more containers filled throughout the event for a total outlay to the City of $3,719. Staff received a lot of positive comments and will consider hosting another similar event in the future.

A Collaborative Meeting has been scheduled for next Monday, June 22nd beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Cameron United Methodist Church. The Park Board, School District and the Chamber of Commerce/EDOC have been invited to attend and brainstorm with the City on ways to improve our community. The public is also invited to attend.

A Council Goal Setting Session has been planned for Wednesday, July 8th from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs. Kirk Davis will once again act as facilitator for this event.

Mayor Clark offered an opinion for the recent increase in sales tax revenues that during the pandemic, citizens were forced to remain within their own community, making Cameron a destination during the COVID-19 outbreak. Mayor Clark would like to see the City create a committee to assist local businesses with issues and help find solutions for those struggling due to COVID-19. City Manager Rasmussen, Police Chief Bashor and Fire Chief O'Donnell were asked to be part of this ad-hoc committee.

Councilmember Estes commented that the number of easements acquired for GNWWC was impressive in such a short amount of time. Councilmember Curtis responded that a third party was contracted to assist with these acquisitions and thanked City Manager Rasmussen for his help in moving this project along.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

Terry Rumery congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers as well as Mayor Clark and Mayor Pro Tem Ausmus for their Council offices. Mr. Rumery also thanked the citizens for passing the Park sales tax, this greatly helps him market our community. Mr. Rumery gave a brief update of several projects and prospective projects ongoing and being considered for the City of Cameron. The City's hotel/motel legislation did pass in both the Missouri House and Senate; however, the Bill may not get signed by the Governor due to other controversial pieces of legislation located in the same omnibus bill. The Wayfair/use tax legislation did not pass in the Legislature, however, there is some talk of having a special session just for this purpose. The proposed event center near the hospital is moving forward. Mike O'Donnell and Counselor Corcoran will be discussing the Community Improvement District (CID) at US 36 and Bob F Griffin Road due to sales tax not yet being collected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2020-25, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SOUTH ORANGE STREET FROM CAMERON VILLA, LP AS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-25 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager advised he is speaking to this Bill as well as the following three Bills. Each of these Bills are part of the South Orange Street CDBG Project. This project seeks to remedy storm water issues in the area by replacing drainage tubes with a box culvert and realigning the street. To complete the project additional rights-of-way are needed for the City. Once the project is completed, we will bring back Bills to transfer some properties by Quit Claim Deed back to the adjacent property owners. Councilmember Breckenridge asked if this is to correct the flooding in this area. Director Bontrager replied in the affirmative and stated the City has been looking for funding for this project since about 2013 and were finally able to acquire the necessary funds through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Bill 2020-25 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2020-26, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SOUTH ORANGE STREET FROM NEAL & TAMARA JILL STEWARD AS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-26 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2020-26 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2020-27, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED ALONG SOUTH ORANGE STREET FROM CAMERON VILLA, LP** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-27 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2020-27 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2020-28, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SOUTH ORANGE STREET FROM SCERIB SPECIALTY PROPERTIES AS PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-28 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by

Councilmember Estes to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2020-28 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2020-20, **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTER-FUND LOAN FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND TO THE PARK FUND FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2020-20 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes to pass Resolution 2020-20. Discussion. Finance Director Weigand explained this in an internal loan from the Electric Department to the Park Board. The new sales tax for Parks was passed, however, the Park Board won't begin receiving revenues for this until November 2020. The real estate agreements to purchase land for the Park Board that were contingent on the sales tax passing need to be finalized before the end of June. This internal loan is for nine months and is to assist the Park Board in purchasing the real estate. The Electric Fund will be repaid once the sales tax remittances begin coming in. Resolution 2020-20 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

Public Works Director Bontrager: Relayed to Council that all the property owners on South Orange Street have been very cooperative with the project. Also thanked City Manager Rasmussen for his work on the real estate agreements for the Park Board as he was instrumental in getting the deals finalized.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Breckenridge: Thanked Director Bontrager for his efforts in getting the 'Tree City USA' designation.

Councilmember Estes: Congratulated the Park Board and GNWWC for their big projects that are moving forward.

Councilmember Ausmus: Thanked BJ Reed, Denise Maddex and the Main Street organization for what looks to be a great Fourth of July celebration. Also thanked Terry Rumery, Mark Garges and EDOC for the big projects they're working on.

Mayor Clark: Stated there is a lot of hard work going on and thanked everyone for their contributions.

Motion was made at 6:29 p.m. by Councilmember Ausmus to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Communications and Real Estate [RSMo 610.021(1)(2)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Estes. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Clark, Breckenridge, Ausmus, Curtis and Estes. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened open session at 7:29 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Breckenridge and seconded by Councilmember Estes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk