CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
December 16, 2019

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
L. Corey Sloan	P
Becky Curtis	P
Julie Ausmus	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 16th day of December 2019, at six o'clock p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Darlene Breckenridge led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Darlene Breckenridge presided with the following Councilmembers present: Dennis M. Clark, Dr. L. Corey Sloan, Becky Curtis and Julie Ausmus. Absent: None.

Present were City Manager Stephen Rasmussen and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. *Library Board Appointments* - Motion to reappoint Linda Morris and Pat Steele to the Library Board and to appoint new member Jennifer Wingler to the Board in place of Kent Osborn who has reached his term limit.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen attended the Stewartsville City Council Meeting last Tuesday to inform them about the loan the City of Cameron has made to the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission (GNWWC) to assist with attaining necessary easements. Neither Stewartsville nor the City of Maysville, which are both members of GNWWC, have incurred any responsibility as

the agreement is between the City and GNWWC. Comments from Stewartsville's Council were favorable.

A meeting of the Cameron Special Road District was also attended last week by the City Manager. Items of mutual interest were discussed as well as how the Board and the City can work together on these issues.

November's financial reports were included in the Council Packets as well as a list of checks issued in November over $15,000. Current fund balances are low due to payments made on the Animal Care Facility as well as the 2019 asphalt contracts. Grant money from the State of Missouri and escrow funds currently held for the Animal Care Facility will improve those balances when the projects are completed.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

Mr. Rumery met with representatives of 'Project Tim' regarding locating in the Business Park. There has been a lot of positive communication but it will probably be a long process.

The City Manager, Mark Garges and Mr. Rumery have met with all the Cameron hoteliers and are now planning a trip to Jefferson City to start the legislative process to put a hotel/motel tax on the ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2019-66, **AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ARTICLE II, TREES & SHRUBS, OF CHAPTER 8 OFFENSES- MISCELLANEOUS AND ESTABLISHING A NEW ARTICLE V, TREES, IN CHAPTER 9, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-66 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Councilmember Clark requested additional clarification regarding the Bill. City Manager Rasmussen stated this Ordinance is a step in becoming a 'Tree City' which holds many benefits. Public Works Director Bontrager explained that the Ordinance will not prohibit property owners from pruning trees on their private property. The act of 'topping' trees, however, will be prohibited because the practice stresses the trees, can lead to disease, leads to unstable limb growth and it makes the trees unsightly. Councilmember Curtis inquired about the fact sheet that was discussed at the last meeting in response to Gary Summers request. City Manager Rasmussen said there would be information sent out with the utility bill mailing. Bill 2019-66 passed on second reading with a unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-66 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6120**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-67, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE**

MISSOURI HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (TEAP023) was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-67 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-67 passed on second reading by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Sloan to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-67 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6121**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Bill 2019-68, **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID LEASE-PURCHASE TRANSACTION** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2019-68 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on second reading. Discussion. Finance Director Weigand explained this is the lease/purchase agreement for construction of the Animal Care Facility which closes on December 19th. Everything is going well from the financing to the construction. Bill 2019-68 passed on second reading by unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass said bill on second reading by roll call. Discussion. None. Bill 2019-68 passed by the following roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Sloan, Curtis and Ausmus. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6122**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

Discussion – Spay and Neutering Program: City Manager Rasmussen stated this topic was introduced during a Council Session. Tonight's discussion is to provide staff with guidance for the level of program to pursue and funding options for the program. Staff will develop a proposal to then bring back for approval.

Community Developer Wymes explained that the purpose of a spay/neuter program is population and disease control. Not many communities offer a spay/neuter program but those that do have two components: funding and partnerships. Community Developer Wymes discussed the pros and cons of three cities that were used as examples: Albuquerque, NM, Columbia, MO and St. Louis County. Discussion ensued regarding using a portion of pet license fees to fund a program. Having veterinarian partners is a key element in keeping costs down.

City Manager Rasmussen stated he inquired of Animal Control which animals and how many did she recommend for the program. Animal Control responded that she would like to see 20 spay/neuters done per month. Council was asked what animals should be considered for a program and how they prefer to fund it.

Councilmember Clark stated that we are already paying for many of these issues and we should start a program immediately and offer it to any citizen. Councilmember Clark proposed a three-year program then reevaluate and revise if necessary. Mayor Breckenridge requested

clarification whether the program was for citizen's pets or for stray/feral animals. Councilmember Clark responded that both types of animals should be included. Councilmember Sloan felt that repeat offender animals-at-large should be spay/neutered.

Councilmember Curtis advised that she has been attending Municipal Court sessions and has seen many repeat offenders on the docket. She doesn't feel a spay/neuter program should be forced on owners that don't want it but should be required for loose animals that are repeat offenders. Councilmember Clark would like the program to be open to everyone but wants it to be humane with the inclusion of pain measures for the animals.

Mayor Breckenridge stated she would agree with a program that included partnerships to help control expenses. City Manager Rasmussen concluded that the information gained from tonight's discussion will be used to create a proposal to bring back for Council for review.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Minutes of the December 2, 2019 Regular Session were approved by voice vote, three "Ayes," no "Nays" and two abstentions (Councilmembers Clark and Sloan).

Resolution 2019-38, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR AN ALTEC AM55 OVERCENTER AERIAL DEVICE FROM ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-38 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Ausmus to pass Resolution 2019-38. Discussion. Utility Director Johnson advised Council this Resolution is to purchase a new, large bucket truck for the Electric Department. This type of equipment is necessary to manage poles over 40' tall. The current truck is a 1995 model and has reached its end-of-life. Safety of the current vehicle has become questionable. Bids were solicited and came in under what was budgeted. Delivery of the new vehicle could take up to one year. Councilmember Clark relayed that the company that inspects the equipment indicated that it needs to be replaced. Councilmember Sloan would like to see a critical equipment replacement schedule created to address such issues on a regimented basis and not have to react to surprise equipment failures. Resolution 2019-38 passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2019-39, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TWO (2) FOR THE BUDGET YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2019-39 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass Resolution 2019-39. Discussion. Finance Director Weigand informed Council there were two components to this budget adjustment. First, this adjustment recognizes the lease proceeds for the Animal Care Facility. And second, the salt spreader for the new Public Works vehicle was budgeted and purchased last year but was not received until the new budget year. Resolution 2019-39 passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades congratulated Councilmember Sloan on achieving his Doctorate Degree. Informed Council and the gallery that council candidate filing opens tomorrow at 8:00 am and ends on Tuesday, January 21 at 5:00 pm. The next regular Council Meeting will be on January 6th and will be preceded by a joint session with EDOC. The EDOC meeting will begin at 4:30 to accommodate a presentation by the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC).

City Manager Rasmussen advised that Public Works Director Bontrager will bring back information from the Park Board at the next meeting with their recommendation for a sales tax.

Finance Director Weigand wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Utility Director Johnson apologized for the bells going off earlier in the day when he was adjusting them to the correct time.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark congratulated Councilmember Sloan for his achievement and wished a Merry Christmas to everyone. Acknowledged Kathy Turner for going above and beyond. He recently witnessed her stopping and removing a cooler from the middle of a MoDOT roadway and making it safe again for traffic.

Councilmember Curtis also acknowledged Councilmember Sloan for his impressive achievement. She enjoyed the City's annual get together that included the County Commissioners. Acknowledged and thanked Brian Sugden who recently came to her rescue when she had a flat tire and changed it for her.

Councilmember Sloan thanked his wife Heidi for her support throughout his educational pursuits and stated he is glad it is finally over. He also recognized the fire and ambulance personnel that responded to a vehicle accident south of Cameron over the weekend and commended all the departments of the City and the specialized work they do.

Councilmember Ausmus commended Councilmember Sloan on his Doctorate and also thanked staff for all that they do.

Mayor Breckenridge also recognized Councilmember Sloan on his accomplishment and reiterated her appreciation for City staff. Relayed that at the recent Safety Awards Banquet, Paul Beckwith received the annual Safety Award and Felix Lopez was the recipient of the Jay Riley

Public Safety Award. She has been very pleased with the comradery between the various organizations that have been working together on decorating for the holidays as well as putting together multiple events. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk