BILL 2020-2

First Reading

Agenda Item

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director

DATE: January 6, 2020

RE: Parks Sales Tax

Purpose

The Park Board has spent considerable amount of time researching options to fund park improvements. A ½ % sales tax is the best and only method right now that would generate enough revenue to provide for rehabilitation of the existing aquatics facility and the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and operation of park facilities and parkland; including the construction of ballfields. A 1/2 % park sales tax would generate approximately $640,000 per year of revenue. The proposed tax has a clause that this tax shall sunset after twenty-five years.

Recommendation

Park Board unanimously recommends the following ordinance be passed and approved calling for the question of a one-half percent sales tax for Aquatic Facility and parkland improvements be submitted to the qualified voters of Cameron on the April 7, 2020 general election.

Bill 2020-2

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHALL IMPOSE A ONE-HALF PERCENT (1/2%) SALES TAX ON THE RECEIPTS OF ALL RETAIL SALES WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON TO BE USED FOR FINANCING OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND OPERATING OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron, Missouri (the "**City**") is a third-class city and political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri;

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under Sections 94.500 through 94.550 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to propose an increase in the general city sales tax rate of one-half percent (0.5%) for the purpose of providing additional funds for the construction and operation of certain proposed park improvements for the City;

WHEREAS, the proposed increase in the general city sales tax rate to a total of one-half percent (0.5%) cannot become effective until it has been submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Cameron, Missouri and approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri desires to avail itself of such authority and submit to the voters of the City the question of increasing the citywide general sales tax by one-half percent (0.5%) for the purpose of providing additional funds for City parks to the qualified voters of the City of Cameron, as provided by law, and in addition to all other sales tax imposed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This general sales tax increase shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Cameron, Missouri, for their approval as required by Section 94.510 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, on the following question:

Question _

Shall the City of Cameron, Missouri, impose a one-half percent (0.5%) General City Sales Tax to fund the rehabilitation of the existing aquatics facility and the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and operation of park facilities and parkland; including the acquisition of parkland, construction of ballfields, and such other purposes authorized by law, that shall sunset after twenty-five years? [PC1]

Yes [ ]
No [ ]

FIRST READING

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite "Yes." If you are opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite "No."

Section 2. The form of the Notice of election for said election, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a party hereof, is hereby approved.

Section 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal by qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the proposal submitted pursuant to this section, then the ordinance and any amendments to the ordinance shall become effective on the first day of the second quarter after the Director of Revenue receives notice of the increase in the rate of the citywide general sales tax.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the County Clerks of Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 5:00 P.M on January 22, 2020, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by the Comprehensive Election Act, Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

Section 5. Within ten (10) days after approval of such ballot proposition, the City Clerk shall forward to the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri, by United States Registered Mail or Certified Mail, a certified copy of the imposing ordinance, along with a map of the City of Cameron, clearly showing the boundaries thereof.

Section 6. The portions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining portions of this Ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid portion of this Ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void portion that it cannot be presumed that the City Council would have enacted the valid portions without the invalid ones, or unless the court finds that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved on first reading this 6th day of January 2020.

Passed and approved on second & final reading this _____ day of January 2020.

FIRST READING

_____
Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

FORM OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

(To be completed by adding precincts and polling places
and to be published pursuant to Section 115.127, RSMo.)

**THE CITY OF CAMERON,
CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called an election to be held in the City concurrently with the general election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
ELECTION
CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI**

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

QUESTION

"Shall the City of Cameron, Missouri, impose a one-half percent (0.5%) General City Sales Tax to fund the rehabilitation of the existing aquatics facility and the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and operation of park facilities and parkland; including the acquisition of parkland, construction of ballfields, and such other purposes authorized by law, that shall sunset after twenty-five years?"

Yes [ ]
No [ ]

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: If you are in favor of the proposition, place an X in the box opposite "YES." If you are opposed to the proposition, place an X in the box opposite "NO."

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City:

PRECINCT	**POLLING PLACE**
_____	_____
_____	_____

DATED: _____, 2020 _____

County Clerk of _____ County, Missouri