CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
January 6, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

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

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 6th day of January 2020, 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 and Becky Curtis. Absent: Dr. L. Corey Sloan and Julie Ausmus.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2019 Regular Session

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Rasmussen updated Council regarding the status of one of the eight goals that were identified at the strategic planning session. The goal to update the City's Emergency Operations Plan will begin with Council and executive staff completing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes 100 and 700 during the month of January. In February, a NIMS 402 class will be scheduled and finally in March a table-top exercise will be conducted to test the skills learned and identify any further training or manual updates that are needed.

City Manager Rasmussen and Utility Director Johnson are meeting weekly to discuss and review the progress made on the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission (GNWWC) project. There are a total of 165 easements necessary for the project involving 133 landowners.

Staff's goal is to obtain 100 easements in 100 days. The $500,000 loan the City made to GNWWC is assisting greatly with this endeavor.

City Manager Rasmussen advised Council that, once again, his vacation has been delayed due to weather. Sometime in the near future he will be gone for two weeks on vacation but in the meantime he will be present and available.

The Council was informed that the President recently signed legislation at the Federal level changing the age to purchase any tobacco products to 21. To that end, the City will bring back an Ordinance for Council to approve updating the City's Code to match this new legislation.

Cameron Main Street Inc. is planning to apply for a grant through Missouri Main Street Connection to improve store fronts on Third Street. One facet of the grant application is a letter from the Mayor/City supporting the project. Council consensus was to sign a letter of endorsement for the grant application for Main Street Inc.

EDOC / TERRY RUMERY UPDATE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2020-1, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEGA INDUSTRIES CORPORATION FOR GRAND AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager advised this is the contract with Mega Industries Corp. for pedestrian improvements at Walnut Street and Grand Avenue which Council awarded a bid by Resolution at a previous meeting. The bid came in higher than expected but Finance Director Weigand was able to identify available monies from the asphalt contract that the Finance Committee recommended be used to bridge the gap and keep the project moving forward. A portion of this project is being funded by Missouri Department of Transportation STP Grant monies. Bill 2020-1 passed on first reading only with three in favor and two absent.

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** was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2020-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Councilmember Curtis to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Public Works Director Bontrager spoke on behalf of the Park Board who were mostly in attendance at the meeting. The Park Board is proposing to put a ½% general sales tax on the April ballot for voters. The purpose of the sales tax is to fund a new pool (in the

current pool's location) as well as park improvements to include new ballfields. The proposed tax will have a 25-year sunset clause and is expected to generate $640,000 per year. Some of the details for this plan are still in the works but they hope to have a full presentation for Council at the next meeting. Councilmember Clark thanked the Park Board for all their work on this great opportunity. Councilmember Curtis inquired why the Park Board selected the April election for this tax. Public Works Director Bontrager responded that the Park Board is working with other groups and funding sources and the April ballot seemed to be the best fit. Bill 2020-2 passed on first reading only with three in favor and two absent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This would have been the date for the next regular Council Meeting and since the last day to file for Council is the following day, Tuesday, January 21st, the next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd in order to avoid having a special meeting to approve the Ordinance for the General Election for Councilmembers.

Public Works Director Bontrager informed Council he submitted the application for the City to become a Tree City USA.

Building Inspector Beckwith advised Council that the Animal Shelter is progressing nicely with the steel siding currently being installed.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark informed the gallery that there was a work session with EDOC prior to the Council Meeting and representatives from the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) lead a conversation on economic development and they stressed the importance of quality of life for a community. He then thanked the Park Board for all the effort that went into bringing the sales tax proposal to Council.

Mayor Breckenridge also thanked the Park Board for the sales tax proposal and wished them luck with the endeavor.

Motion was made at 6:18 p.m. by Councilmember Curtis to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Communications [RSMo 610.021(1)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Clark. Roll call vote: "Aye:" Councilmembers Breckenridge, Clark, and Curtis. "Nay:" none. Councilmembers Sloan and Ausmus absent.

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Council reconvened open session at 6:46 p.m. 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. by voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk