CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
November 19, 2018

REGULAR SESSION

Darlene Breckenridge	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
John R. Feighert	P
L. Corey Sloan	A
Becky Curtis	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Monday, the 19th day of November 2018, 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, John R. Feighert, and Becky Curtis. Absent: Councilmember Sloan

***Councilmember Sloan entered the Council Chamber at 6:01 p.m.*

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

North Central Missouri Business Facilitation (NCMBF) Quarterly Update-Stephanie Williams – Ms. Williams handed out some information to Council. The NCMBF has a cumulative total of 148 clients. They currently have four clients in four counties preparing for their Grand Openings. Asked Council to mark their calendars for NCMBF's Annual Meeting to be held February 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in DeKalb County at the June Conley Building. Councilmember Feighert inquired about the difference between active and inactive clients. Ms. Williams advised if NCMBF has not had any contact with a client in 90 days they are considered inactive. This designation changes back to active once communication is re-established.

Beth Penland-Padgett, 926 W. Prairie – Requested Council's permission to add a 1957 Chevy pickup body as yard art/landscaping at her residence. (Photos distributed to Council) Community Developer Wymes suggested she get approval from the Council and Planning and Zoning. Developer Wymes thought a conditional use permit (CUP) through Planning and Zoning which would then come to Council for approval would be the appropriate action. Counselor Corcoran stated a CUP or a waiver would be reasonable. Councilmember Sloan asked that staff proceed with the easiest method possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2018 Regular Session.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Johnson advised Council that staff has begun working with Andrew Dannar and North Star Housing on the National Guard Foundation's housing project just south of the Veteran's Home. Staff is working to ensure they meet their spring 2019 deadline.

The finishing touches are being put on this year's Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas which will be held on Saturday, November 24th. The parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the lighting ceremony to follow at 6:00 p.m. in McCorkle Park.

A Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 30th to discuss the Police Department's request for assistance on salaries. Staff has been evaluating budgets and possible funding opportunities to be discussed at the meeting.

Staff is making arrangements to attend the Great Northwest Days at the Capital on February 5th & 6th. This is a great networking opportunity with legislators. In the past, staff has brought issues such as transportation, infrastructure, education and rural broadband to the notice of decision makers.

The Citizen Tracker mobile app is ready to go and will be placed on the website tomorrow. East Prospect should be finished up in the next few days and the street opened back up.

Councilmember Sloan asked if the Public Safety Committee could meet at 5:30 instead of 5:00 and Interim Manager Johnson advised that could be accommodated. Councilmember Feighert thanked everyone who worked on getting the mobile app up and running and wanted to let everyone know that November 24th is also small business appreciation day and encouraged everyone to get out and frequent our local shops. Councilmember Curtis wanted to relay to employee Felix Lopez that the Christmas decorations looked good. Councilmember Sloan requested information about the timing of the Christmas events and Developer Wymes advised he would send out an email to Council with the relevant information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2018-47, **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CAMERON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CAMERON CITY LIMITS**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2018-47 were available for the public. Motion was made by

Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Fire Chief O'Donnell explained this is an agreement between the City of Cameron and the Fire District. There are no changes to this year's agreement except regarding insurance coverage. The District covers 144 square miles with mutual aid coverage of 44 square miles. The Rural Fire District is also purchasing a new, $165,000 truck for the Fire Department in the near future. Bill 2018-47 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2018-46, prior to the reading of this Resolution, Councilmember Curtis made a motion to delay reading the Resolution until the first meeting in December. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Sloan. Councilmember Feighert inquired of Interim City Manager Johnson if there are reasons why we shouldn't delay this reading. Interim Manager Johnson stated there is no reason to delay the reading, the Resolution does not change the City's legal obligations or cost difference, it is just an acknowledgment. If we delay the reading it will have a negative effect on the Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission (GNWWC). Councilmember Curtis advised that they have known about the cost increase and wanted time for Council to be made aware before the Resolution was read. Councilmember Clark asked if we can discuss this now or is there more to learn from waiting. Mayor Breckenridge advised she would like to discuss it now and Councilmember Feighert added he wants to discuss it for transparency. On the motion to delay the reading of this Resolution, Council voted: "Aye:" Councilmembers Curtis and Sloan. "Nay:" Councilmembers Breckenridge, Clark and Feighert. Motion failed.

Resolution 2018-46, **A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI ACKNOWLEDGING UPDATED BUDGET FIGURES AND EXPRESSING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE GREAT NORTHWEST WHOLESALE WATER COMMISSION**, was read by title by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Resolution 2018-46 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Clark and seconded by Mayor Breckenridge to pass Resolution 2018-46. Discussion. Interim City Manager Johnson stated the project costs have increased by about $9,000,000 since the original preliminary engineering report was proposed in 2014. Inflation and actual construction costs are the major reasons for the increase. They have had issues with acquiring the tank site and subsequently the soil preparation work for that tank site have increased the costs. The interest on the interim financing for the project was not included in the original costs and the GNWWC has increased the contingency. The increase does not change the City's obligation, we are still in the projected range for the water rate increases. As we move to final design there are areas we can look at to cut some of the costs.

Mayor Breckenridge inquired about the purpose of the Resolution. Interim City Manager Johnson responded that the pre-interim funding lenders wanted acknowledgment from the stakeholders about the increased budget and the time delays on acquiring the tank site. Councilmember Sloan asked if they are still shooting to bid the project in spring 2019 and was told yes. Councilmember Sloan also asked about the number of easements required and how many have been completed. There are a total of 167 easements for the project and GNWWC staff has 14 liens recorded to date. Mayor Breckenridge inquired why the Commission is seeking private easements and not using the State right-of-ways. Counselor Corcoran advised the USDA requires their own easements and won't allow the State right-of-ways for their projects. Councilmember Curtis advised this project needs to go forward and this is the largest waterline the USDA has ever done. Mayor Breckenridge requested detailed reports on the project's progress and to be kept up-to-date on the GNWWC meeting information. Councilmember Feighert stated he believes the final project costs will be even higher and wants staff to continue to look at other options such as

gray water or reservoir dredging. Interim City Manager Johnson responded it is not feasible to dredge, it is not money well spent. Council briefly discussed the effect of water rates on citizens on fixed incomes. Councilmember Sloan inquired how long it took to obtain the 14 easements and was advised one and a half months. Interim City Manager Johnson advised that engineers haven't developed all the easements yet but that the process will be complete by April. Resolution 2018-46 passed with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Debbie Hahn, 1102 Timberline – Was confused about the discussion for the Resolution acknowledging the changes in the water line project stating that some Councilmembers wanted to delay the reading so Council could discuss it first, however, if they did it in closed session then there was no transparency. Thanked the Mayor for going forward with the discussion and the reading of the Resolution. Informed Council they could talk and discuss topics from other meetings during Council Session. Councilmember Feighert asked Ms. Hahn if she held a position with the Concerned Citizens for Cameron and she replied she was the Vice President. Ms. Hahn stated the group wants to support a progressive Council. Councilmember Sloan inquired about derogatory things stated about Councilmembers at the Concerned Citizens for Cameron meetings. Ms. Hahn stated she didn't agree with the firing of the City Manager and she didn't recall the comments Mr. Sloan referred to.

Sue Manion, 11724 Packard Lane – Expressed her frustration with the animosity at Council Meetings. Stated she attended Councilmember Feighert's meetings before he was elected and they were not open either. Councilmember Feighert responded that they were open. Ms. Manion explained that the best thing that could come from all this would be for everyone to listen to each other and stop the name calling.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

City Clerk Blades advised Council that Utility Clerk Glenda Atkinson will be retiring at the end of December after 43 years with the City. Customer Service Clerk Mandy Leer will be taking her place and the Customer Service Clerk position has been posted to receive applications. Adrianne Dannar has been hired to fill the Court Clerk position. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were mailed out last week in the new updated format. Typically these taxes are 85%-90% collected by the end of the year. City Clerk Blades and Developer Wymes met with Stephanie Williams and John Bennett last week regarding starting an Adult Education and Literacy Program in Cameron. If this program goes forward it will be good for citizens as well as another step toward making Cameron a work-ready community.

Community Developer Wymes stated there was a good turnout at the Chapter 353 Breakfast held last week and it was well received. The next step of this project is to form a board. Thanked Council in advance for volunteering to judge the Christmas parade.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Feighert would like to see another notice in the bill regarding bulk trash and advised the service is also available to people outside the city limits. Reiterated that November 24th is the day to support small businesses and stated there will be a Christmas Walk for businesses on December 7th.

Councilmember Sloan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and urged them to travel safely. Stated he used the bulk trash service last week and it worked very well.

Mayor Breckenridge told everyone to have a Blessed Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone to remember Ms. Manion's words about getting along and listening to each other.

Motion was made at 7:06 p.m. by Councilmember Sloan to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Attorney-Client Communication [RSMo 610.021(1)]. Seconding the motion was Councilmember Feighert. Roll call vote: "Aye": Councilmembers: Breckenridge, Clark, Feighert, Sloan and Curtis. "Nay" none.

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Council reconvened open session at 7:16 p.m. There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Sloan and seconded by Councilmember Clark, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk