BILL 2019-57

First Reading

Agenda Item

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rick Bashor, Chief of Police

Date: September 19, 2019

Re: EMS Dispatching Fees and Contract Renewal

Issue:
In years past, the Cameron Police Department and the Cameron Ambulance District have entered into a contract for emergency medical dispatching services on an annual basis. The fees have been based on a percentage of time and ratio of calls for service annually for both entities. The average annual cost, for the last three years, for dispatching the Cameron Ambulance District has been $42,000 and the annual calls for service the last three years have averaged 2,148.

The Cameron Ambulance District and the Cameron Police Department will still conduct an annual review in January of each year. If there have been no significant changes (less than 10% increase or decrease) in the volume of calls for service then the contract will not be presented to the City Council or Cameron Ambulance Board of Directors for adjustment and will remain valid.

At the end of the three years, if there have been no previous contract revisions and extensions, a financial expense and call for service review will be conducted by both entities to review the existing contract. A new contract will be developed and presented to the City Council and the Cameron Ambulance District Board of Directors for review and approval.

Recommendation:
Review and approve the three-year fee schedule for dispatching emergency medical service calls for the Cameron Ambulance District. Enter into a three-year contract, which is subject to review by either party at any time, with the Cameron Ambulance District for dispatching EMS calls for service.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER TO PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES FOR SAID DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron and the Cameron Ambulance District have entered into a contract for emergency medical dispatching services on an annual basis. The fees have been based on a percentage of time and ratio of calls for service annually for the Ambulance District and the Dispatch Center. The annual cost for dispatching the Cameron Ambulance District is $42,347.41 and the annual calls for service are 2,103**;** and

WHEREAS, to make the contract process easier for both entities and to facilitate an easier budgeting process, we recommend setting a flat annual fee for dispatching emergency medical services. The annual flat fee will be $42,000.00, or $3,500 per month. The annual fees and contract would be for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Ambulance District and the Cameron Police Department will still conduct the annual review in January of each year. If there have been no significant changes (less than 10%) in the volume of calls for service or more than a 10% increase in expenses for the dispatching of emergency medical services the contract will not be presented to the City Council or Cameron Ambulance District Board of Directors for review and will remain valid; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the three years, if there have been no previous contract revisions and extensions, a financial expense and call for service review will be conducted, by both entities, to review the existing contract. A new contract will be developed and presented to the City Council and the Cameron Ambulance District Board of Directors for review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a three year contract with the Cameron Ambulance District for dispatching of emergency and non-emergency medical calls for service at a flat rate of $42,000.00 per year unless annual financial revisions and contract extensions dictate otherwise, all in substantially the same form attached hereto and made apart hereof.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and approved on first reading this 7th day of October 2019.

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Passed and approved on second & final reading this _____ day of October 2019.

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Mayor Darlene Breckenridge

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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