CITY OF CAMERON
MINUTES
January 3, 2023

REGULAR SESSION

Roy Estes	P
Dennis M. Clark	P
Becky Curtis	P
Julie Ausmus	P
Alexander Williams	P

The City Council of the City of Cameron, Missouri met in Regular Session on Tuesday, the 3rd day of January 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Cameron City Hall. Mayor Roy Estes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Roy Estes presided with the following Councilmembers present: Dennis M. Clark, Becky Curtis, Julie Ausmus and Alexander Williams. Absent: None.

Present were Acting City Manager Zac Johnson, Community Development Director Tim Wymes, City Inspector Greg Harris, Police Chief Bashor, Sergeant Miller, Fire Chief O'Donnell, Finance Director Weigand, Park & Recreation Superintendent Garr, Public Works Director Stevens, Attorney for the City Padraic Corcoran and City Clerk Shellie J. Blades.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2022 Regular Session.
b. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Special Session.

APPOINTMENTS

There are currently no appointments to be considered by Council. City Clerk Blades announced there are vacancies on both the Community Center and Library Boards which need to be filled as soon as possible.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Johnson:

- ✓ Provided an update on the Community Revitalization ARPA grant status. The Department of Economic Development has been in contact with Mo-Kan seeking clarification on a few issues and requesting some follow-up documents which indicates our application is still being considered. Houston Roberts from Mo-Kan was present in the gallery and provided some additional information on the grant process.
- ✓ Announced that Finance Director Weigand is beginning the preparations for the annual audit. The new auditing firm Accounting Solutions headed by Robert Wilson will be conducting the audit and they are anticipated to be onsite mid-January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 2022-49, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE CAMERON AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER TO PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES FOR SAID DISTRICT** was read by title on second reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2022-49 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Williams to pass said bill on second reading by Roll Call. Discussion. None. "Aye": Councilmembers: Estes, Clark, Curtis, Ausmus and Williams. "Nay" none. The Mayor thereupon declared said bill duly adopted and said bill was numbered **ORDINANCE 6262**, was thereupon signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 2023-1, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, UPDATING CHAPTER 7, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE REGARDING PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2023-1 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Williams to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Inspector Harris explained this Ordinance came about in response to complaints from citizens and business professionals. The Ordinance updates the Code regarding both driveway widths and parking in the 'parkway.' The changes have been reviewed and recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The access management section of the Code allows for wider driveways and removes the maximum size on commercial lots. 'Parkway' parking previously required a permit from the City for parking in certain areas. This Ordinance will remove the requirement of a permit. Bill 2023-1 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2023-2, **AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SALES TAX AT A RATE OF THREE PERCENT ON ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA SOLD WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 2.6(5) OF THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023; DESIGNATING THE FORM OF BALLOT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk

Blades. Copies of said Bill 2023-2 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Williams to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. Acting City Manager Johnson explained this Ordinance would call for a measure to be placed on the April 4, 2023 ballot for a 3% sales tax to be placed on non-medical marijuana sales. The Missouri Municipal League estimates about $150,000 in revenue per dispensary but this estimate could be overly optimistic. Councilmember Williams inquired why 3%. Counselor Corcoran responded that is the percentage allowed by the constitution. Bill 2023-2 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

Bill 2023-3, **AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CAMERON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON 4 APRIL 2023, FIXING THE POLLING PLACES OF SAID ELECTION, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE BALLOTS TO BE PRINTED AND ELECTION SUPPLIES PROCURED FOR SAID ELECTION** was read by title on first reading by City Clerk Blades. Copies of said Bill 2023-3 were available for the public. Motion was made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Williams to pass said bill on first reading. Discussion. City Clerk Blades advised there are two council terms expiring and two candidates have filed for those seats. This Ordinance, when passed, will be certified at the Clinton and DeKalb County Clerk's Offices prior to the deadline for the April 4th election. No election is required in Caldwell County as there are no voters living in that portion of the City. Bill 2023-3 passed on first reading only by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH COUNCIL

None.

MISCELLANEOUS-STAFF

Community Development Director Wymes:

- ✓ Pointed out that there were draft minutes from a recent Planning & Zoning Commission meeting included in their packets. A conditional use permit was recently brought before P&Z and will be coming to Council at the next meeting. The draft minutes give background information on that issue.
- ✓ The Great Northwest Day at the Capitol is coming up on February 7th & 8th. Director Wymes is the coordinator for this event and the group is developing priorities for the region such as broadband, education, and infrastructure just to name a few. Council should contact Director Wymes if they are interested in attending.

Public Works Director Stevens:

- ✓ Provided Council an update on the street improvement priorities: Griffin Road-Spring 2023, Northland Drive – Fall 2023, and Harris Street – 2024.
- ✓ Provided and update on sidewalk plans and advised that the City is looking for non-matching grants to address storm drainage issues.
- ✓ Informed Council that regular press releases are planned to keep the public and Council informed on plans and projects. A Public Works open house is planned for later in the month to introduce himself and to garner public comments.

- ✓ Would like to work on the strategic plan as the current plan is deficient. Workshops to invite ideas and have discussions to develop a usable plan would be beneficial.

City Clerk Blades:

- ✓ Relayed that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on the 16th.
- ✓ Inquired if there was Council interest in the MML Legislative Conference on February 21 & 22. February 21st is a scheduled Council meeting date. Several Councilmembers expressed interest in this event since the City has all new representation in the legislature. Council expressed a desire to change the date of the February 21st meeting to possibly February 27th. Staff will review the agenda schedule and determine the best date or whether that meeting could be canceled.
- ✓ Announced that the next municipal court date, January 10th, will be the last court date held in City Hall. An update on the court transfer was provided and City Clerk Blades praised the efforts of temporary Court Clerk Shannon Smith for the extra work she has been doing and will continue to do through the transition.

MISCELLANEOUS-COUNCIL

Councilmember Curtis:

- ✓ Welcomed Public Works Director Stevens.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude that Christmas is over and that everyone is healthy and got through it.

Councilmember Clark:

- ✓ Also welcomed Public Works Director Stevens.

Councilmember Williams:

- ✓ Regarding the marijuana sales tax, inquired where the revenues will be spent. Acting City Manager Johnson stated those decisions can be made by Council at a later date.
- ✓ Thanked all City staff who worked on Christmas Day: Sergeant Shane Stevenson, Sergeant Eric Belshe, Officer Chris Proctor, Officer Kyle Glazebrook, Officer Brice Groom, Dispatcher Stan Hendrix, Dispatcher Susy Lanham, Dispatcher Barb Holtz, Dispatcher Kylie Eads, Dispatcher Ellie Milbourn, Dispatcher Christina Smith, Water Plant Operator Joe Whitaker, Water Plant Operator Chris Miller, and Water Plant Operator Ripton Green. Although no fire department employees worked on Christmas Day, Councilmember Williams acknowledged that the Fire Department responded to seven calls for service on Christmas Eve.

Mayor Estes:

- ✓ Wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- ✓ Stated the City handled the first snow event of the year very well. Inquired if the brine system was up and running. Public Work Director Stevens thought it was but would check and confirm.
- ✓ Thanked the staff that worked on Christmas as well as New Year's Day. Stated it is going to be a great year! Cameron is a great town and a great place to be. Help someone out, volunteer if you can, and stay active. Help make Cameron everything it can be.

On motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Curtis, Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. by roll call vote to discuss Attorney-Client Communications, & Real Estate [RSMo 610.021(1)(2)]. “Ayes:” Councilmembers Estes, Clark, Curtis, Ausmus & Williams. “Nay:” none.

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There being no further business on motion made by Councilmember Ausmus and seconded by Councilmember Estes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. on unanimous voice vote.

APPROVED:

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Mayor Roy Estes

ATTEST:

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City Clerk