

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, January 4, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session January 4, 2021, from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, Sherry Johnson, Chief Mike Dougherty. City Attorney Christian Turak and council person Kenny Richmond were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by council person Sherry Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented on December 21, 2020, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of donating \$2,500.00 to Cameron VFD to go towards July 4th activities. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of changing the address of residents. Changes are due to the 911/Marshall County Emergency/ Post Office, and City of Cameron having different information. Voted on keeping 3 addresses the same, 80 High Street (City Garage), 42 Fleming Avenue, and 114 High Street. Voted to change 1 Highland Avenue to 1 West Street. 2 Highland Avenue, to 9 West Street. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 Yes.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to table address for The Frontier Building, 3 Clearview Avenue, and 9 Hillcrest Avenue. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of bills to be paid from last council meeting December 21, 2020. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – NA
- 2) Will place on next council agenda to announce the Company who is being awarded the Bid for completing our Wastewater project. Councilperson Sarah Burge questioned if waiting to sign off on award would cause any delays? The Mayor confirmed it would not cause any delays.

FINANCE REPORT

- The Mayor read the Finance Report – General Fund \$423,143.44, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$43,451.15, and Sewer Fund \$5,985.76 total \$472,580.35.

FIRST (1ST) OF MONTH REPORTS

1) POLICE:

See attached Report completed by Chief Dougherty.
Chief Daugherty looked into the rules of possibly changing speed limits within City Limits. Council can alter speed limits. Vote on an approval or disapproval. If approved at a council meeting. A letter including which Streets and new speed limits listed then sent to Charleston for changes to be made.

Councilperson PZ Winters questioned a yield sign placed going up hill toward Crawford Avenue and Columbia Avenue. Chief Dougherty explained this could also be added with information stated above.

2) VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

New Dump Truck going to Zanesville on January 5, 2021. Company is switching out the 9-foot plow for an 8-foot plow.

3) STREETS / ALLEYS / LIGHTING:

See attached Report completed by Assistant Clerk Lisa Warren.
When weather permits City Crew will start filling potholes with cold patch.

4) WATER:

The water plant has been running well this month. The reservoir still has not returned to normal level. The City has been following a MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE. Water is slowly starting to rise.

5) SEWER:

Going to start bagging system up at wastewater plant. City was able to collect Cares Funds for PPE supplies. Bid will be awarded at next council meeting held on January 20, 2021.

6) CAMERON POOL: Closed for season

Want to **THANK MASON DIXON ENERGY** for **volunteering** to help with maintenance and projects that are needed around the pool.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- 1) Not currently.

Joseph Wendt

- 1) Not currently.

Kenny Richmond

- 1) Absent

Terri Galentine

- 1) Drain right below Upton Avenue is clogged. When it rains the drain is overflowing onto the road.

PZ WINTERS

- 1) Reported an odor coming from water at his residence. Also noticing a pinkish color. Requesting more information to be given to council at meetings regarding Water Plant Operations. For example, MOR which will show hours and gallons per day. Questioned status of Sharon Roupe's property.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Thank you, City Crew, for all the hard work! GREAT JOB!!

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) City Reservoir is still low. On a good note, it is starting to rise.
- 2) City has applied for CARES ACT FUNDS starting March-2020 thru December-2020. Total amount received from the State equals = \$87,517.94.
- 3) City Crew checked thermostat in Library. It was set at 58 degrees. They turned it up to 72 degrees. They also bled some more of the lines. Heat is now working properly in Library location. Think maybe one of the flaps on pipes were sticking.
- 4) Mayor proposed a few ideas for council to consider.
 - a) Putting together a committee for Dilapidated Homes. At least two council members. One member per Ward.
 - b) Putting together a committee to work on updating City Ordinances. At least two council members. One member per Ward.
- 5) Mayor also wants to schedule a meeting with Pool Committee prior to season opening.

- 6) City attorney is reaching out to Dorothy Hunt regarding property owned by her.
- 7) Council request for a letter to be sent to Chuck O'kel concerning the properties he owns on 12 and 18 Main Street Cameron, WV. Issue with pigeons and overhang at 12 Main Street. Issue with brush at property located on West Street.
- 8) Sending letter out to Masonic Lodge to request assistance in getting access to room located under Full Belly Deli. That is where the City Crew would read water meter. City either needs a key to access, someone to schedule with to let meter reader in when needed or allow City Crew in and have the outside meters hooked up.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed vote of 5 yes.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk