

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 5, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on January 5, 2015 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Julie Beresford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Helen McMasters, Jack Hart, Sr., Mary Leichter, Wayne Simmons, Ron Walker and Tom Hart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Tom Hart.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$142,046.57, Water Fund - \$6,329.78, and Sewer Fund - \$33,260.17. Total \$181,636.52.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Younger's report was presented to Council. Jack Hart, Sr., and Tom Hart reported that all of our first responders did a great job at the recent tragic shooting.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Fred Reynolds reported that the white truck had been inspected, and that the City crew was ready to plow.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: Fred Reynolds advised that the City crew had filled pot holes. He also reported that the Department of Highways can't give them any more supplies until they have the funds to do so. Ron Walker inquired regarding ownership of the street behind Greg's Market. He noted that the City crew had been filling pot holes on this street, and a resident was taking the gravel out of the holes in order to slow traffic down. Mayor Beresford stated that this would be reported to the police department.

WATER/SEWER: Tim Flint reported that the water plant was running well. He also advised that he was working on getting the wells inspected and certified. Mayor Beresford also advised that the article in TPO Magazine was now available online.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting was made by Helen McMasters, seconded by Wayne Simmons, Ron Walker abstained. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford reported that Mary Jo Guidi has been making contacts in Charleston in order to help us with the issue of mining near the reservoir. She also advised that Hook & Hook had sent out letters to several governmental agencies regarding the same.

Mayor Beresford also advised she will be sending a letter to the County Commission requesting funding for the Wellness Center. She reported that the Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K made approximately \$250 for the Wellness Center in an hour.

NEW BUSINESS: Council was presented with a new curfew ordinance for their review. Ron Walker will check on sounding the siren for the curfew. Tom Hart advised that the City may have to bear some or all of the expense for activating the siren. Wayne Simmons made a motion to approve the curfew ordinance on first reading, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

Helen McMasters made a motion to approve Debbie Hall and Lisa Warren as new City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Hart made a motion to approve Dick Scott and Cindy Antill as Wellness Center employees, Ron Walker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Myrtle Pettit was present and advised that Nicole Podobnik was resigning as secretary of the Landmarks Commission due to her work schedule, and that Carrie Fillers would now be secretary. Nicole will remain with the Landmarks Commission as their Events Coordinator. Tom Hart made a motion to approve the new secretary, Ron Walker seconded. Myrtle Pettit also reported that the tree gala raised approximately \$2,000.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Beresford advised she would be meeting with a representative of Murray Energy on Wednesday, January 7th, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss hooking up the water wells.

Bradley Bledsoe was present and advised the City that the city crew could get gravel from his yard anytime they needed it. He also stated he would be willing to explore the possibility of putting one of the wells into production on the former high school property at his expense. If one of the wells is viable, we would be able to have free gas at the Events Center.

Mayor Beresford reported that a photo of the Cameron Pool was in the West Virginia Municipal League calendar for the month of August.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:

- a) Emergency Services/Publicity: Tom Hart stated he met with Scott from Baker & Associates regarding the 911 mapping. He stated that some of the streets will need to be renamed.
- b) Community Clean-Up Issues: Ron Walker reported that there is a bad pot hole on High Street in front of the garage. Fred Reynolds will put more gravel in the hole. Mary Leichter also stated that one house has been removed at the lower end of town and that the garage would be coming down as well. Fred Reynolds advised that once the garage is torn down, the City crew will be able to clean out the culvert. Ron Walker also inquired about water on Rt. 250 going out of town, and was advised that it is a drainage box, and that the State had been notified about it.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – Wished Sheila Cottrell good luck on her new job.

Helen McMasters – None.

Mary Leichter – Stated she could update the Wellness Center information on the website in exchange for 3 months of free membership. Wayne Simmons made a motion to approve the matter, Tom Hart seconded.

Ron Walker – Wished Sheila good luck on her new job.

Wayne Simmons – Congratulated Sheila on her new job and wished her luck.

Jack Hart, Sr. – Congratulated Sheila on her new job and thanked her for her fundraising efforts for the City. Jack also stated that Sharilyn McCracken inquired regarding new FEMA maps. Tom Hart stated they are updated every two years. He advised that Ms. McCracken should contact Howard Coffield.

ADJOURNMENT: Ron Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom Hart, seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

Julie Beresford, Mayor