

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, February 1, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on February 1, 2016 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Clerk Debbie Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Helen McMasters, Jack Hart, Sr., Mary Leichter, Tom Hart, Wayne Simmons, and Ron Walker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Jack Hart.

Scheduled on Agenda: a) **Appointing Temporary Mayor:** Jack Hart motioned Scott Chaplin take position as interim mayor, as he is the only one running in the election in May. Seconded by Tom Hart. Mary Leichter spoke up and said she would be interested in the position. Wayne Simmons wanted to look at findings from our attorney about Council person being appointed before anyone else. Tom Hart made a motion to rescind previous motion. Seconded by Ron Walker. Motion passed. Will be addressed at next meeting which will be held February 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

B) Discussion of Event Center, getting it appraised for bid/sale: Tom Hart motioned for appraisal, Jack Hart seconded. Motion passed 4 – 2. Helen-no Mary-no

C) Discussion of rescinding the pay increases for mayor & council, to take effect July 1, 2016 once Ordinance has been revised: Ron Walker made a motion to rescind increases for mayor and council. Tom Hart seconded. Motion passed 4 – 2
Helen-no Mary-no.

D) Anticipated Executive Session regarding personnel matters: Council decided Executive Session was not necessary.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$72,921.00, Water Fund – (\$24,857.21), and Sewer Fund - \$23,360.73. Total \$71,424.52.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police Mike Younger was present and provided members of council with a copy of his police report.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Fred Reynolds stated that vehicles were in good running order.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: No problems.

WATER/SEWER: Everything in good running condition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting was made by Ron Walker, seconded by Helen McMasters. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wayne Simmons motioned to accept the resignation of Julie Beresford as mayor, effective January 31, 2016, Seconded by Ron Walker. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Jack Hart brought to the table the idea of selling bulk water. Will contact AI's Water Service, etc. to see if we could get customers. Ron Walker motioned to move forward with the sale of bulk water. Tom Hart seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Hartley asked council to please consider working with the Baseball Association if they are considering selling the Baseball Field. Reunions and outings are already scheduled for the summer months. Joan Gardner spoke for an interested group of citizens asking council to do what is best for the community when making financial decisions. She presented a list of suggestions made by this group. She also said that former mayor Betty Scott would be able to serve as interim mayor if needed.

Jason Masters asked if there were still rooms to rent at the Events Center. He was told that there were rooms available. Greg Galentine asked council to please consider what Joan Gardner brought to them. Betty Scott talked about the deficit at the Events Center, Pool and Wellness Center. Chris Hartley commented on the sale of water. Thought that would be a great money-maker and is willing to help us. Robin Richardson ask council if since they were getting an appraisal of the Events Center, did that mean they had decided on selling it for sure. Council told her they needed an appraisal one way or the other.

MAYOR'S COMMNTS: Conservation Officer Ryan Cooper wanted permission to cut a 25 foot buffer on the hillside at the dam to keep tree limbs or debris from falling into the dam.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:

- a) Community Clean-Up Issues: None

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – None

Helen McMasters – None.

Mary Leichter – None.

Ron Walker – Commended Fred and Davey for the great job they did during the recent snowstorm.

Wayne Simmons – None.

Jack Hart, Sr. – Anyone interested in the interim Mayor position, could submit letters of intent to the city building.

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

Lisa Warren, Asst. City Clerk

Debbie Hall, City Clerk Presiding over meeting