

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON, CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 21, 2012.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on February 21, 2012 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Mark Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Rocky Guzek, Tom Hart, Helen McMasters, Chris Hartley, Wayne Simmons Ron Walker. Absent - none.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Rocky Guzek.

**SCHEDULED ON AGENDA:** Randy Watson had not received all estimates needed for the Change Order and was not available for the council meeting. Mayor Frazier did speak to Randy and he indicated that he was waiting on estimates and would have it by the March 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Budget Resolution #2 was presented to Council for approval. Funds need to approved and moved to pay for the unexpected expense for paving Church Street.

Ron Walker made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Tom Hart. Motion carried. All council members voted Yes for the resolution. Wayne Simmons indicated that he was in favor of the resolution before he excused himself from the meeting.

Chris Hartley commended Cindy on doing a good job drafting up the resolution.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Wayne Simmons read the finance report dated 2-21-12. General Fund \$213,958.80, Water Fund \$22,685.22, Sewer Fund \$30,208.65 and Totals \$266,852.67.

**POLICE:** None

**STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:** Tom Hart asked if there were any updates on the Pine Avenue slip. Mayor Frazier replied that he had no other updates.

Mayor Frazier also indicated that he had made a call to Rick Poe to inquire on the Columbia Avenue slip as well. Mayor Frazier added that he told Rick that Columbia is now considered a hazard and that emergency vehicles will not be able to get through. Mayor Frazier asked members of council to call State Road and help plead the case for the city as well.

Rock Guzek added that it may be necessary to go above Rick, since Rick has turned the request in already.

Mayor Frazier agreed that it may be necessary to call Dan Sakora.

Tom Hart added that he would be willing to try to get aid on the standards that it is an emergency situation. He was going to talk to Paul Hicks to get an Emergency Authorization request, since emergency vehicles cannot access it. Tom indicated that it was not a guarantee that it would work, but he felt it was worth a try.

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:** Mayor Frazier reported that all vehicles were running fine. The grey truck was in bad need of new tires, which have been replaced.

**WATER:** Mayor Frazier reported that there have been a few bad leaks over the past two weeks at customers residents. Mr. Kisner had a very high usage that needed to be checked into and a Consol owned house on High street had 316,000 gallons leaking out of it. Water was shut off at both locations.

There was a little problem at the water plant earlier today. The pipe that puts the chlorine into the water was stopped up. It was necessary to take the system off line to repair. At no time did we go below minimum required amount of chlorine. There was never a time that we did not meet the expected standard.

**SEWER:** None.

**READING OF MINUTES:** Mayor Frazier asked that Cindy not have to read the minutes due to dental work. The minutes were reviewed by Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve minutes for February 06, 2012 was made by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Tom Hart. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Frazier inquired as to if further discussion was necessary regarding the backhoe sale.

Wayne Simmons stated that he felt that \$4,500.00 was not a bad investment on a piece of equipment of that caliber.

Rock Guzek added that it really wasn't worth much more than that either. He also felt that the pieces of equipment that were found on the internet seemed to be in better shape than the one the City currently owns.

Tom Hart added that the backhoe probably was not maintained as well as it should have been.

Wayne inquired that if someone were interested in buying, did we have any idea what someone would be willing to pay for it.

Tom Hart reminded everyone that if someone did want it that it would need to go out for a sealed bid.

Rock Guzek added that setting a minimum bid requirement may be necessary. He also added that he thought the funds generated from the sale of the backhoe could be beneficial at the water plant.

Chris Hartley asked what was needed at the plant that could be paid for with those funds.

Rock Guzek replied that a valve could be replaced and any other necessary upkeep needed.

Tom Hart added that if it was put out for a sealed bid that it could be stipulated that the City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

Before excusing himself from the council meeting, Wayne Simmons added that he was leaning toward fixing the backhoe as opposed to selling it.

Mayor Frazier added to the discussion that there is always the possibility of renting a backhoe if needed in the future.

Chris Hartley stated that the cost would not be beneficial.

Rock Guzek stated that he would rather buy a newer better backhoe instead of investing in the old one.

Chris Hartley agreed that it was a lot of money to invest with no guarantee.

A motion put the backhoe out for a sealed bid was made by Ron Walker. Seconded by Rock Guzek. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Frazier reminded Council that the first reading of the Vicious Dog Ordinance was held at last council meeting. He presented the ordinance for its' second reading.

Tom Hart asked what the official title of the ordinance was.

Mayor Frazier replied that it is the Marshall County, WV Ominous Animal Control Ordinance.

Rock Guzek inquired as to if Chief Younger checked into the verbage of “two eyewitnesses”.

Mayor Frazier stated that he did not receive anything back from Chief Younger on the matter.

Ron Walker made a motion to table the second reading of the ordinance. Seconded by Helen McMasters. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:** None

**COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:**

Emergency Services/Publicity – Tom Hart – None

Community Clean Up Issues: - Ron Walker reported that progress has been made down at the building housing the fire truck.

Helen McMasters reported that the property owner at the Maple Avenue home was eighty-three years old and would not be able to clean the property up himself.

Mayor Frazier asked if anyone had time to call McKinley and Associates.

Chris Hartley replied that it was on his agenda to do this upcoming week.

**INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

Tom Hart – Nothing

Helen McMasters – Nothing

Rock Guzek – Nothing.

Ron Walker – Commended Chief Younger for his decision to aid Moundsville with the fatal fire that had occurred the past week. There was controversy on Facebook regarding his attendance. Ron supports Chief Younger’s decision 100%.

Rock Guzek agreed.

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Tom Hart added that he would have been disappointed had the Chief not gave his support. Tom added that some of the comments being made were not from residents that live in city limits.

Cindy Minton added that Chief Younger did call in and let the City know that he was available by cell phone.

Wayne Simmons – Absent.

Chris Hartley – Nothing

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Hart . Seconded by Rock Guzek. Motion carried.

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Cindy L. Minton, City Clerk

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Mark Frazier, Mayor