

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on February 24, 2014 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Beresford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Rock Guzek, Wayne Simmons, Helen McMasters, and Ron Walker. Jack Hart, Sr. and Tom Hart, absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Ron Walker.

SCHEDULED ON AGENDA:

- 1) **Water line breaks**—Mayor Beresford advised that we had a total of 11 water line breaks/freezes due to the extreme weather. We will be putting together a packet to send to Senators Yost, Kessler, and Fitzsimmons so that they can assist us with getting emergency funding to cover the cost of the repairs.

- 2) **Phase III Water Project**—Mayor Beresford advised that she had spoken with A.C. Wieth of Belomar and he will reapply for the Phase III project.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$209,727.94, Water Fund - \$27,933.95, and Sewer Fund - \$7,425.55, Total \$245,087.44.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Younger previously provided Council with police reports for the months of December and January.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Mayor Beresford indicated that a new ignition switch and two new tires had been purchased for the skid steer. In addition, a new fuel filter had been installed on the dump truck. She also stated that the plow had been repaired, and that a new motor had been installed on the spreader.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: Mayor Beresford indicated that there had been a slip behind Frank Temple's house. Tim McCurdy was called and made a temporary, emergency repair. He will be getting us an estimate to fix it permanently.

WATER/SEWER: Tim Flint and Terry Springer were both out sick, however, Mayor Beresford indicated that the sewer and water plants are running well and have no problems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes from the February 4th meeting was made by Helen McMasters, seconded by Ron Walker.

OLD BUSINESS: Rosemary Humway-Warmuth is still looking into the issue with the fire service fee being applicable to those residents that live outside of the City limits. Wayne Simmons felt that we needed to define what a "vacant" building is a little better.

Wayne Simmons also brought to the table the proposed salary increases for Mayor and Council. A discussion was had concerning the amounts and that perhaps they should be cut in half. Wayne suggested the raise for Mayor go into effect on July 1, 2014, and the raises for Council go into effect July 1, 2016. He was voiced his concern that the City could not afford to pay for health

insurance for the Mayor and Council if they are deemed full-time employees, and it was suggested that perhaps we could add an exemption clause to the proposed ordinance making Council and the Mayor exempt from health insurance. He also wanted to know if someone could check with the Health Plan to see what their definition of a “full time” employee is. Mayor Beresford indicated that Rosemary Humway-Warmuth would be consulted regarding this issue. Ron Walker made a motion to table the salary increases for now, Rocky Guzek seconded.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford introduced Gary Myers, II, as the new police officer for the City, and he was sworn in at this time.

Ron Walker recommended checking into getting another spreader and plow for the truck so that we are better prepared next winter. Mayor Beresford indicated that Tim McCurdy had charged us a very reasonable rate for plowing while our equipment was down.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joan Gardner was present and thanked the City crew for helping out with the water freeze at her business. Ms. Gardner also inquired as to who the Councilpersons were for her ward and was advised it was Wayne Simmons and Helen McMasters. She also indicated that she felt it would be nice to see her Councilpersons in the downtown area and felt it was important for the public to see their presence downtown.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS: Mayor Beresford indicated that she felt we needed to contact the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and get our businesses listed on their website, etc., since we are paying members of the Chamber.

Mayor Beresford also indicated it was time to begin planning for the 4th of July and stated that Sheila Cottrell would be working with the Cameron VFD in organizing the activities.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:

- a) Emergency Services/Publicity: None.
- b) Community Clean-Up Issues: Ron Walker indicated that we needed to call the WV DOH regarding the accidents on the icy patch going out of town and let them know that cinders are needed on this area.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – Absent.
Helen McMasters – None.
Rock Guzek – None.
Ron Walker – None.
Wayne Simmons – None.
Jack Hart, Sr. – Absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Rocky Guzek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne Simmons seconded.

Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

Julie Beresford, Mayor