

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, May 18, 2020 via Conference Call**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session May 18, 2020, via Conference Call from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Betty Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Sarah Burge, Greg Galentine, Kenny Richmond, Sherry Johnson, and Terri Galentine. Absent: Wayne Simmons.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Mayor Betty Scott

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Greg Galentine moved to approve the minutes as presented for May 4, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a) None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Update – Sewer Project – Matthew Hayes (Thrasher)
  - Matthew Hayes stated:
    - 1) Project design is complete and under review by Thrasher staff
    - 2) Plans and project specifications to be submitted to the Health Dept. by 5/20/2020 for the BPH Permit.
    - 3) Plans have been reviewed and “approved” by the WV Division of Highways
      - o The permit has not been requested as the DOH requires a bond payment prior to issuing the permit. This is paid annually.
    - 4) We have contacted the City Attorney to begin the process of obtaining a PSC certificate waiver. We have sent the attorney an example of PSC certificate waiver request we have used for other recent SCBG funded projects.
    - 5) We are on track to meet the major Project Milestones approved by the WVDEP in the Plan of Corrective Action.
- b) Discussion and Approval Price/Rules for Dumpster Days.
  - Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to accept Price/Rules for Dumpster Days, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- c) Resolution for Water/Sewer Budget 2020-2021
  - Councilperson Greg Galentine moved to accept Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- d) Discussion and Approval of City of Cameron Flood Control Operation, Maintenance funding Agreement.
  - Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to accept Cameron Flood Control Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- e) Discussion of New Hire under Cops Grant.

- Mayor Scott stated that we had another application put in for Full Time Police Officer. Chief Dougherty and her set up an interview with applicant for May 8, 2020.
- Chief Dougherty stated it was a very good interview, he will start May 19, 2020 and he will have extensive training prior to going to the WV State Academy. He will have to do a daily log for me of what he does. I have high hopes for him.
  - o Councilperson Sherry Johnson – Has he had any training and experience or knowledge?
    - Chief Dougherty - no he is green but believe it or not when they are green it is easier to train them; they are not set to a particular way of doing things.
  - o Councilperson Sherry Johnson – Why didn't he apply before? Why suddenly?
    - Chief Dougherty – He has shown interest before but with supporting a family he just felt it was not the right time. Now he feels it is right time and wants to make a career.
  - o Councilperson Kenny Richmond – Why was it not brought to Council. How come Cop Grant starts at \$13.00?
    - Chief Dougherty – Cops Grant does not set the starting pay; they award us the money it is up to City to set the pay.
    - Mayor Scott – Chief Dougherty called around to the other Cities and asked them what their starting pay was. We went with McMechen pay scale. I wanted to get this process started as quickly as possible we only have until the end of year for the Grant.
  - o Councilperson Sarah Burge – Why did we not run the ad again?
    - Chief Dougherty – We should be happy that we got someone to apply. We have run the ad. City Clerk stated the last running was February.
  - o Councilperson Kenny Richmond – Does he have to take the lie detector test?
    - Chief Dougherty – Yes, he does.
  - o Councilperson Greg Galentine – We have limited Cops, how is he going to be working?
    - Chief Dougherty – I will be overseeing everything; it will not be a 2-week training and then turned out on his own. When he is not with me or one of the other Officers, he will be doing his online training that is required from the Cops Grant. He will be working different hours so he will be getting his 40 hours a week.
  - o Councilperson Greg Galentine – As far as process and training, how will you reach out to us and give us updates?
    - Chief Dougherty – I was going to do it in the monthly Police report that I do each month.
  - o Councilperson Terri Galentine – Glad someone is interested, I hope he is serious, and I think it should have been brought in front of Council.
- f) Discussion and Approval of Bills to be paid from May 18, 2020.
  - Councilperson Greg Galentine moved to pay bills as presented, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Cameron Recreational Park
  - 1) New bleachers have been delivered
  - 2) New backstop pads have been delivered (both items are being stored at Mason Dixon Energy shop)
  - 3) Installation schedule for these items is still being decided
  - 4) ICR has replaced the relief valve on the hot water tank again and installed a pressure regulator on the incoming water.
  - 5) Still asking for a new hot water tank due to sediment in the existing tank causing aerators on faucets to plug off
  - 6) No effort has been made at all on any other punch list items
  - 7) Outfield areas in general as well as some of the damaged spots still are not producing a good growth of grass
  - 8) Left field is drying some but is still soft in the areas damaged by man lift
  - 9) Mowing is being done, but at a reduced schedule.
  - 10) City has been reimbursed for the bleachers and backstop pads.

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Councilperson Greg Galentine read the Finance Report – General Fund \$329,742.93, Water Fund \$50,221.93, and Sewer Fund \$2,881.46 total \$382,846.32.

**POLICE REPORT:**

- 1) None

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:**

- 1) None

**STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:**

- 1) Work on West Street; ditching and graveling, they will hot patch it once the weather stays warm enough to go get it and drive back with it.

**WATER:**

- 1) None

**SEWER:**

- 1) None

**CAMERON POOL:**

- 1) We have been up there a couple of weekends working with the typical staff; Fire Department helped pump water out and some other people have come up to help; also Chris Hartley (Mason Dixon) did our last 2 drains at no charge for labor or materials and he will be helping us with some more stuff.
- 2) We will keep posting on update of opening, which will be done under Governor’s guidelines.

**GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:**

- 1) None

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

**Sarah Burge**

- 1) Huge pothole on North Avenue
- 2) Dogs on North Avenue

**Greg Galentine**

- 1) SAL will have the street sweeper again on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 and asked if we could provide the dump truck again.
- 2) Will get with Chief Dougherty regarding a car on Main Street.

**Kenny Richmond**

- 1) Dogs running loose on Gable Avenue
- 2) Has property owner been contacted about ATV's riding on their property?
- 3) Hunt kid is back at the dilapidated house with little kids.
- 4) Shooting guns on Gable, I have pictures to give to Chief Dougherty

**Terri Galentine**

- 1) House on High Street C. Anderson; roof is falling in and grass needs cut
- 2) Holes on High Street

**Wayne Simmons**

- 1) Absent - Sick

**Sherry Johnson**

- 1) None

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- 1) Will be opening City Building Tuesday May 26; following the Governor's guidelines. One person in the lobby at a time and request that they wear a mask and hand sanitizer at the window.
- 2) Next Council meeting will be at Council Chambers following guidelines of 6' apart and with request to wear a mask.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Greg Galentine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion passed vote of 5 yes.

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Debbie Hall, City Clerk

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Betty Scott, Mayor