

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION JULY 15, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on July 15, 2013 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, Jack Hart, Sr., Wayne Simmons, Tom Hart, and Ron Walker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Ron Walker.

SCHEDULED ON AGENDA:

- (1) An ordinance permitting the use of ATVs and UTVs within the city limits was presented for discussion. Rocky Guzek advised that the rules contained within the ordinance were the state rules and were followed by several other municipalities within the state. Jack Hart suggested one revision, which would be to include UTVs and to define the term "UTV". Jack Hart made a motion to approve the ordinance, Rocky Guzek second. Ordinance passed with revisions.
- (2) Sheila Cottrell presented a budget revision to the Coal Severance Tax Fund indicating that the revision simply included the Coal Severance Tax Fund savings account at BB&T, which had not previously been reported to the State Auditor's office. Rocky Guzek made a motion to approve the budget revision, Jack Hart seconded.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$160,062.97, Coal Severance Tax Fund - \$3000.00, Water Fund - \$23,508.20, and Sewer Fund - \$5,614.06

POLICE REPORT: None.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Mayor Beresford advised that the spreader was being repaired by the city crew. In addition, she advised that regular maintenance was being performed on the city vehicles/equipment, and that a log was kept of the maintenance performed.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: Mayor Beresford advised that the City has been working on filling potholes on Main Street, Upton Avenue, Park Street and Fleming Avenue.

WATER/SEWER: Mayor Beresford advised that the state has granted approval to use the remaining SCBG funds in the amount of \$75,131.09, to update the Cameron water treatment plant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Jack Hart. Seconded by Ron Walker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford advised council that Consol has been reimbursing the City for mowing being done on the vacant properties owned by Consol. Tom Hart also reported that the workshop he and Mayor Beresford attended with representatives of Consol went very well.

Mayor Beresford also advised that she had spoken with Jay Wallace of the West Virginia Department of Highways regarding the city and state owned streets. Jason Masters was present and voiced his concerns regarding the speeding that is taking place along W. High Street. Council discussed placing a 10 mph speed limit sign on W. High Street as well as two speed bumps. Ron Walker made a motion to place the sign and install the speed bumps. Tom Hart seconded.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford advised that she had received information from the West Virginia Archives and History board that the cost to purchase and install a historical marker at the swimming pool would be \$2,000. There was also some discussion regarding placing one at the depot. No decision was made.

Mayor Beresford indicated that the City had received a check for \$3,360.00 in conjunction with the community block grant. These funds will be used to make repairs to areas of the City Building that are in a state of disrepair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Myrtle Pettit advised that she was to have a cabinet at the old Cameron High School which was given to her by Kelly Frazier. Mayor Beresford advised that all items in the high school are now the possessions of the City as of the date the City purchased the property, however, she would be glad to make arrangements for Mrs. Pettit to receive the cabinet. Myrtle Pettit also advised that Cameron Pottery Day would be July 27.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Beresford informed council that she has been elected to the by-laws committee of the West Virginia Municipal League and that she was proud to represent our City at the state level.

Mayor Beresford informed council that Tom Stern would be renting classroom space at the old Cameron High School to teach coal mining class. He will be paying \$300 per month rent to the City for use of the space. In addition, Nicole Drake has rented the cafeteria at the old high school for a fundraiser to be held on August 18. She will be paying \$75 to rent the cafeteria on that day. Rocky Guzek made a motion to approve the foregoing rentals/rates and Tom Hart seconded.

Following the recent fire at the Timmins residence, the VFD trucks sustained substantial damage requiring repairs. At the request of Mayor Beresford, Consol Energy has made a donation to cover the VFD's deductible for the property damage to the trucks.

Mayor Beresford also informed council that Noble Energy would be making a donation for the PERT system.

Mayor Beresford advised that the pool would be open the entire month of August and a portion of September despite the fact that the children will be returning to school. She also indicated that the pool is making money.

COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS: Tom Hart indicated that plans are going forward to move the public safety radio equipment from the Parsons tower to the AT&T tower. He advised that this should take place sometime towards the end of July pending approval by the FCC.

Tom Hart also informed council that when the tower is down and the entire area loses cell service, the public should be advised to call AT&T customer service regarding the problem. AT&T will send a technician out to fix the problem after they receive so many calls.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – None.

Helen McMasters – Absent

Rock Guzek – None

Ron Walker – Ron Walker indicated that the citizens would like to see the police department patrolling the city more frequently than they are currently doing.

Wayne Simmons – Wayne Simmons indicated that he had received several compliments from individuals concerning the 4th of July festivities. Mayor Beresford went over the funds spent for the holiday.

Jack Hart, Sr. – Jack felt that the rates for activities at the recreation park and the swimming pool needed to be in the minutes. He also indicated that the City should receive a monthly report and/or copy of the bank statement from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He also felt that Larry Hartley was doing an excellent job and that he should be reappointed to his position by the current administration.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Hart. Seconded by Jack Hart.

Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

Julie Beresford, Mayor