

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, July 18th, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session July 18th, 2022, from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor H. Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Joseph Wendt, Stephanie Neely, Terri Galentine, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson.

Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present

Sarah Burge, Absent.

City Attorney Christian Turak, Absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Terri Galentine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve the minutes as presented for July 6th, 2022, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Resident Robert Cain addressed council with an issue affecting residents on and around Mr. Cains property located on Dragons Highway South. There is a vacant home that has in this area and the residents have noticed rats in and around the garage of this vacant home. Multiply rats have been caught and discarded. Mr. Cain has been keeping up with the yard which he is going to stop doing. It an expense and time consuming which should be the homeowner of vacant property to take care of.
- 2) Mr. Evans spoke with council about smoke testing a few areas that still need to be addressed concerning storm water run off and sump pumps entering our Sewer System. We have compiled a binder with addresses that still need to be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing the Agreement between the WV Conservation Agency, the Northern Panhandle Conservation District, and the City of Cameron for the slip and drainage repairs of the Upper Grave #1 Dam. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign the Agreement between the WV Conservation Agency, the Northern Panhandle Conservation District, and the City of Cameron for the slip and drainage repairs of the Upper Grave # 1 Dam, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 5 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of awarding contract for Sidewalk Project to one of the three Engineering Companies. The three Engineering Companies are as follows: Alpha Architects Engineers, Thrasher, and The EADS Group. Councilperson

Sherry Johnson moved to approve The City of Cameron to award Thrasher the engineering contract for Sidewalk Project, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 5 YES.

- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills to be paid from August 1st, 2022. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve paying bills to be paid from August 1st, 2022, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 5 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park
- 2) Motion to bring back tabled Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills to be paid for month of June. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters made a motion to bring back Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills to be paid for month of June, seconded by Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 5 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills to be paid for month of June. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve paying bills to be paid for month of June, seconded by councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion passed 5 YES.

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$657,718.15, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$65,659.58, Sewer Fund \$16,536.43. Totaling \$739,914.16

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- ABSENT

Joseph Wendt:

- Spent most of Sunday driving around City Limits looking at properties. Trying to access where to begin with Property Maintenance issues that fall under The City of Cameron newly adopted Ordinance. I collected over 60 + properties that need and will be addressed. Will be compiling all notes taken into an organized list to assist in keeping track of all issues, communications with homeowners, and completion. I also went around City Limits with Mr. Dave Evans and City Crew member Kevin Strope to speak with residents who had received a letter from the City Clerks Office requesting for storm sewer runoff and sump pumps to be disconnected from the City Sewer Line. We spoke with residents and have had some already complete the tasks that were asked of them.

Stephanie Neely:

- Nothing

Terri Galentine

- Need a lid for a pipe that is exposed at the residence I used to live at. There was a kitten that fell into pipe. Animal control was able to rescue the kitten. There has been a brick put on top of pipe for now. Can City Crew make something or cap it off? Garbage alone 54 High Street that resident needs to pick up. Asked Joe if this address is already on Property Maintenance list. Thank you, Chief Allman, for patrolling our City Streets. Your presence is appreciated by many.

John “PZ” WINTERS

- Noticed two dead pine trees located above pool leaning. These could possibly fall soon and land on the pool pavilion.

Sherry Johnson

- Any updates on progress with properties in question:
State Street – Duffords property
Dragon Highway – Where BBQ Place used to be
Entrance to Highland – Jack Pugala property

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

- White police cruiser needs worked on. Will be dropping it of at Straub Ford to be looked at. A quote will be given to me prior to any work being completed.
- Going to obtain quotes for gear and supplies that are needed for our police department. I will gather the quotes and request for items to be placed on the next Council Meeting Agenda to discuss with council.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Public Meeting scheduled for July 20th, 2022, at 5:30 PM at Benedum Building Council Chambers concerning Phase 11 Sewer Project.
- Water leak that hasn’t been found yet. City Crew still looking for a sign street by street.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk