

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, July 20, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session July 20, 2020, from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Sarah Burge, Joe Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, and Sherry Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Joe Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented for July 6, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joe Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a) Joy Anderson brought a few concerns to council.
 - Would like tree at the end of Cameron Ridge behind guardrail trimmed or cut down.
 - Stop sign located in front of Joy Andersons home (78 High Street) is completely faded out. Would like to have it removed and a new sign placed.
 - Concerns about the drug problem in our community. What can citizens do? Mayor explained there is a lot more assistance from Sheriff's Department. City of Cameron has recently hired a full-time cop. There will be patrolling all city streets multiple times during shift.
 - Joy Anderson also concerned about the younger children/teens running the streets all hours of the night. They are even walking thru individuals' yards and awfully close around their homes. Questioned is there a Curfew? There is a curfew for the City of Cameron. Will forward concerns forward to police department. Police will be able to help enforce the curfew.
 - American Flags have been taken down. Currently put up the Purple flags for RELAY FOR LIFE AWARENESS. (month of August) Joy Anderson questioned if American Flags could be replaced. Incredibly old and weathered. American Flags that were taken down have been folded and delivered to The American Legion. For proper disposal of American Flags. Total of 17 American flags will be replaced with fresh new Flags, when time to hang back up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and Approval to purchase one-hour parking signs to put up in the downtown business area. Which includes Bridge Street and Main. Parking Monday thru Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

- Pull ordinance to verify if, or what the ruling is for the parking situation.
 - No ordinance filed concerning parking. Will need to reach out to Christian Turak (city attorney) to request for an ordinance be wrote up for the City.
 - Fines to be discussed at next council meeting.
 - Councilperson Sarah Burge and Council person Sherry Johnson questioned including Main Street with Bridge Street for the one-hour parking.
 - Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Kenny Richmond. Motion carried, vote 6 yes.
- b) Discussion and Approval of Bills to be paid from August 17, 2020
- Question from councilperson Sarah Burge concerning Workforce unemployment payment to a past police officer. Stated by City Clerk, Nichole Bryan bill would be investigated. After review and contacting Workforce. The bill is accurate, and balance is due and has been paid.
 - Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 6 yes.
- c) Mayor gave update on Dump Truck purchase. Streets crew member Tim Reynolds contacted White Sides to inquire about dump truck. Estimating arrival in October 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Cameron Recreational Park – Update
- b) Mayor Greg Galentine spoke about the old abandoned houses. Christian Turak will be sending rough draft of nuisance letter to be looked over by council. Then Assistant City Clerk will be advised to send out notice to property owners.

FINANCE REPORT

- a) Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$294,871.42, Water Fund \$48,805.74, and Sewer Fund (\$10,618.55) total \$333,058.61

POLICE REPORT:

- a) Incredibly detailed Police Report was presented to the Mayor and Council persons for review. The officer’s presence is noticed and appreciated.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- a) Dump Truck repair/maintenance completed on 06-26-2020.
 - Wiper motor module.
 - Brake cable, Spring
 - Labor

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:

- a) Guys have been terribly busy around town.
 - Normal Meter on & offs.
 - Built and installed manhole cover on Pennsylvania Avenue.
 - Ditched: Glasshouse Hill and Columbia Avenue.
 - Repaired leak in main sewer line of Crawford Avenue.

- Painted step railings on High Street and Main Street to Crawford Avenue.
- Ditched and replaced pipe on Upton Avenue.
- Read Meters
- Mowed at water tower and inside fence at water plant.
- Trimmed: Green Valley side of West Street.

WATER:

- a) On the morning of July 27, 2020, it was brought to the City Employees attention that there was an issue at water plant. One of the check valves at the water plant failed to close. Resulting in water from tank back flowing and flooding basement of water plant. Both motors were underwater. Pumped out Plant, cleaned, and let the motors dry out. One pump started up. Second pump threw sparks. Left that pump off overnight to see if could be started the next morning. City has been running on one pump since July 27, 2020. Sent pump to be looked at to see if it could be repaired. After inspection it was concluded pump can not be repaired. New pump was ordered and is to be here by August 5, 2020. When the new pump gets installed and verify everything working properly, and the water level is good at reservoir. Then at that time the decision will be made when The City can reopen the water buffalo.

SEWER:

- a) No new updates. Still waiting on motor to come in.

CAMERON POOL:

- a) Doing good since we opened.
- b) Record attendance
- c) People are jumping in and helping fix things
- d) Planning on staying open until end of August. Depending on water supply and weather.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1. None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge

- 1) Noticed homes at bottom of North Avenue have been mowed and look much better. Hole in road going up North Avenue by Senior Citizen parking area. Hole is getting much larger. Working on getting issue fixed with owner of residence.

Kenny Richmond

- 1) 8 Wylie Avenue has two dogs running loose. One is overly aggressive. No one currently is living in this home. Individuals are coming and going working on the home. The dogs are with these individuals. The overly aggressive dog charged a neighboring fence. Inside that fence was the homeowner, homeowners' dog, and grandchild. Law (Sheriff's dept.) was dispatched, dog owner was cited. City of Cameron also has an Ordinance for Control of dangerous or vicious animals and leash law. I have included a copy of Ordinance for all councilpersons.

- 2) 4 Wylie Avenue has a ton of garbage bags shoved under home towards Gable Avenue. Rats have been spotted coming from this area. All garbage needs cleaned up and discarded. Entire property needs mowed, shrubs and trees trimmed, whole yard needs a weed eater used. Assistant City Clerk is sending out letter for these items discussed at council to completed.
- 3) Culvert on Gable Avenue. (Fixed on 08/05/2020)
- 4) Trash on 54 Howard Street. (Letter being sent out to owner (George Stonking) to request discarding garbage all around home and on porch area.) Sent on August 6, 2020.

Terri Galentine

- 1) None

PZ WINTERS

- 1) Thank you to Cameron VFD, Officer Chad Bromelow, and all individuals who pulled together to help with the flooding at the Water Plant. Great to see community and city employees come together and help any way they could to resolve all the issues.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Request for gravel or filling for potholes from homeowners who live on Hillcrest Avenue. Street Crew picked up gravel and placed on Hillcrest to fill holes. (Completed on August 5, 2020.)

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Greg requests for councilpersons to visit Water Plant.
- 2) Greg wants to thank Cameron VFD and Officer Chad Bromelow for their assistance with flooding at Water Plant.
- 3) Request for Councilpersons to contact City Building when they see something that needs done in their ward. That way it can get forwarded to correct individuals to be completed ASAP.
- 4) Meeting with Belomar scheduled to discuss additional funding.
- 5) City Crew working hard all over the City to clean up. All their hard work is being noticed by many in the community. Keep up the Great job.
- 6) Christian Turak working on Nuisance letter. After completed City Council will review and start first steps.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion passed vote of 6 yes.

Nichole Bryan, City Clerk

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor