

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on September 16, 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., Tom Hart, Helen McMasters, and Wayne Simmons. Absent: Ron Walker.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Rock Guzek

**SCHEDULED ON AGENDA:** Price setting for high school rentals.

Mayor Beresford suggested that City set a fee of \$75.00 for rental of the cafeteria only and \$125.00 for rental of cafeteria and kitchen for period of 4 hours. A motion to set fees as discussed was made by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Rock Guzek. Approved by all.

A motion to set fee for rental of the gymnasium for a money event was set at \$250.00 for 4 hour event by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Wayne Simmons. Approved by all.

It was questioned if events will be allowed to have alcohol. Mayor Beresford said that any private party would be allowed to have alcohol with waiver signed by responsible individual.

Mayor Beresford said that she will have Sheila write up a contract that will cover different types of events explaining what will be required of individuals – proof of insurance; etc.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$196,433.87; Coal Severance Tax Fund - \$9,366.69; Water Fund \$24,548.61; and Sewer Fund \$11,739.76.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Younger provided detailed police report for Mayor and council for the month of August.

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:** Terry Springer was present and said that new tires had been mounted on the dump truck by Brian Marling. He asked if this bill could be split three ways since the vehicle is used for street and alley; sewer dept.; and water dept.

Mayor Beresford said that it will be paid by the three departments.

**STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:** Mayor Beresford advised council that Sheila had checked prices on a street sweeper and she was told by the State that it was a good price. Mayor will have Sheila order when she gets back from vacation.

**WATER/SEWER:** Terry Springer advised council that he, Tim, and Mayor Beresford had attended the West Virginia Rural Water Association conference at Snowshoe and that it was very informative and that they were able to get 6 hours of required continuing education free that would normally cost the City \$180.00.

Tim Flint was present to discuss water plant operation – he said he had a few complaints regarding the taste of the water. He was asked if there were any complaints about turbidity and he replied that

there were no complaints regarding turbidity but he did say that the water had turned over at the dam and he suggested that it might be helpful to flush the lines soon. He added that pumping time is still down.

Mayor Beresford advised that the leak that was at the high school men's locker room had been fixed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve minutes of August 19, 2013 as presented was made by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Rock Guzek.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** After brief discussion of equipment at the high school, a motion to approve all higher bids for equipment was made by Rock Guzek. Seconded by Tom Hart. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Beresford introduced Brenda Francis – hired as assistant clerk. She advised council that Brenda will work from 8-4 while Sheila will work from 9-5.

Mayor Beresford also advised that Fred Reynolds was hired as street/alley employee. She is asking for council's approval on these two new hires.

Rock Guzek made a motion to approve the hiring of Brenda Francis and Fred Reynolds. Seconded by Helen McMasters. Approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Myrtle Pettit was present and advised that the Landmark's Commission committee is getting ready to install a bathroom at the depot building. She would like for the City to mark where the utility lines are.

Mayor Beresford said that a work order will be written up to locate the lines and help with the connection.

Myrtle also asked about trophy cases that were left at the high school. The commission would be interested in displaying their pottery in them.

Mayor Beresford said that several cases had been removed from the premises and that the remaining ones will be used to display the trophies that were left lying around on the floor close to the gym.

Myrtle said that the commission needs an IRS determination letter. She was told that she could pick one up in the office.

Myrtle asked for council's approval to place Larry Hartley on the Landmark's Commission as Co-Chairman.

A motion to approve Larry Hartley as member of the Landmark Commission as Co-Chairman was made by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Tom Hart.

Myrtle reminded council and Mayor that the Landmark's Commission is having a jewelry party fund raiser at the depot Saturday from 1-4.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Beresford advised council that Delegate Dave Evans composed a letter in support of the Mayor's plans for beautification/revitalization for downtown area.

Mayor Beresford said that Senator Kessler and Delegate Ferro are also in support of the plans for revitalization project.

She said that she expects to get support from Senator Yost too.

Mayor Beresford advised that pool operation over the summer went well with no problems. She reported that she is still getting donations – day before closing for the summer Phyllis and Gary Wright, Phyllis's son Tim Pifer and Eddie Evans visited the pool and gave her a donation totaling \$250.00. She said that everybody that came to see the pool was so pleased that the initiative was taken to get the pool operational and looking better than ever.

Mayor Beresford advised that the Chamber of Commerce recent dinner meeting at the former high school was a success with many in attendance. Sharon Welsh advised Mayor Beresford that the City has its own Rotary Club now.

Mayor Beresford mentioned that it had been brought to her attention by several people that the Pam Carr property on Main Street needs to be torn down – is in bad shape.

Helen McMasters said that she believes that she will be able to contact Pam regarding the problem.

Mayor Beresford advised that complaints regarding cats at an individual's home on Maple Avenue has been addressed by the police department and the health department...individual has been given two weeks to correct the problem.

#### **INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Tom Hart:** Tom advised that contractors will be moving equipment from Parson's tower to Cameron tower soon. He said that once this is done, fencing and gravel work will be completed. He said that the State will contract for security. Keys will be left at police department once work is completed.

Tom asked if City would replace steps going from Crawford Avenue to Columbia Avenue before winter.

Mayor Beresford said that a work order will be written up for the work to be done.

Tom requested that when minutes are completed that they be e-mailed to individual council members for them to review in plenty of time before next meeting. He also would like to have upcoming agendas e-mailed before meeting.

Tom stated that agendas are to be posted 48 hours before a council meeting.

Tom concluded with a reminder that fall clean-up will be at the former high school with dumpsters from 8-2 on October 26. He asked if City will have city crew working on that day. Mayor Beresford said yes. Tom said that Howard Coffield advised him that the spring clean-up will be earlier next year – probably in April. He said that Howard will plan an electronics disposal in November if City is interested.

**Helen McMasters** – Nothing at this time.

**Rock Guzek**-Advised that we need to get the White truck to Jeff to get ready for plow. Mayor Beresford said she will let Rock talk to Jeff about getting this done.

Rock also asked if Anderson's got their citation regarding their property. They were to have 60 days to respond. Fine was to be \$100.00.

**Ron Walker** – Absent.

**Wayne Simmons** – Nothing at this time.

**Jack Hart** – Suggested that the City make a donation to help sponsor Dave Evans' Wild and Wet track program that is a big event every year.

A motion to donate \$300.00 to the Wild and Wet Track event was made by Helen McMasters. Seconded by Tom Hart. Motion carried.

A motion to go out of regular session and into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Rock Guzek. Seconded by Tom Hart.

A motion to go out of executive session and return to regular session was made by Jack Hart. Seconded by Rock Guzek.

A motion to offer proposal for reduction of pay and offer to pick up health insurance for Chief Younger was made by Rock Guzek. Seconded by Helen McMasters.

This vote was three in favor – Rock Guzek, Helen McMasters, and Wayne Simmons.  
Two against – Tom Hart and Jack Hart.

A motion was made by Tom Hart for a second proposal to pay as a raise for Chief Younger \$80.50 per month, and for Sgt. Mull \$47.50 per month. Seconded by Jack Hart.

All voted in favor with exception of Rock Guzek.

Chief will have option to accept either proposal.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Rock Guzek. Seconded by Jack Hart. Motion carried.

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M. Trowbridge, Acting Clerk

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Julie Beresford, Mayor