

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, October 5, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session October 5, 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: Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, Sherry Johnson and Sarah Burge: Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Joseph Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve the minutes as presented for September 21, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mr. Evans had questions about the sludge removal at sewer plant. Requested a comparison of the costs between bag removal and having a company come out and pump sludge out. Questioned if Health Department had been contacted about protective gear for Sewer Plant Operator. Mr. Evans and Joan Gardeners son Jeff have been busy working down at the Sewer Plant. From mowing, to cleaning area up, and organization. Thank you, gentlemen, very much for volunteering your time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Trick or Treat being held on October 31, 2020 from 6 – 7 P.M. with safety measures listed out by Health Department to be followed. Council person Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 2) Discussion and Approval of bills to be paid from last council meeting September 21, 2020. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 3) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to go into Executive session, seconded by PZ Winters. Motioned carried, vote of 5 yes. Council entered Executive session at 7:15 P.M.
- 4) Council person Sherry Johnson moved to come out of Executive session, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes. Council exited Executive session at 7:47 P.M.

- 5) The Mayor spoke to Mr. Robbie Henry and Thanked him for applying for a full-time police officer position and that someone would be in contact with him. There were two other applicants that would follow the same interview process that he had went through. After all, three candidates are interviewed they all will be contacted with results.
- 6) Meeting with 911 Director, Mr. Bailey address coordinator, Tom Hart director of Emergency for Marshall County, Postmaster for Cameron, and City Letter Carrier for Cameron. Meeting will be held on October 6, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. to discuss addresses that are not corresponding. Example 911, assessor's office, post office, and the City do not have the same addresses on file. In case of an emergency there could be many problems occur if not fixed. All areas need to be on the same page with same address on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – nothing
- 2) Approval of council minutes being added to the City of Cameron website. Mary has been working steadily on updating our website. Log on and check out our updated website in progress.
- 3) No new information yet for the nuisance ordinance in regards of updating time frames for completion by residents.
- 4) GKT was in contact with Jochum's attorney. They are in the process of ironing out information for us all to go over.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson read the Finance Report – General Fund \$278,155.41 Water Fund \$35,284.53 and Sewer Fund (\$3,570.20) total \$309,869.74.

POLICE REPORT

- 1) Chief Dougherty explained the maintenance completed at Straub on donated police cruiser. Had to program keys correctly.
- 2) Radio is being taken out of Impala and placed in the new donated police cruiser. If Impala is needed by another officer, the walkies work in ALL the police cruisers.
- 3) Chief Dougherty is working with dispatch to start a log with officers. Calling into dispatch with milage at start of shift and at end of shift.
- 4) Will be obtaining Dash Cam quotes after the 1st of the year.

- 5) Chief Dougherty is working with an individual to learn new program that is being placed for the cop grant information to be inputted. He has also requested an extension on the Cop Grant Funds.

STREETS / ALLEYS/ LIGHTING

- 1) Lots of patching done to city streets / mowing & weed eating / garbage removal / Normal meters on & offs / Ditched road at Dam / cut some trees at cemetery / moved NO PARKING SIGN at grade school, painted yellow line / worked on sewer issues that arose / changed oil and performed maintenance on generator at sewer plant. Had to order some parts.
- 2) Vehicle Maintenance / City Crew replaced bucket and tracks on excavator.

WATER PLANT

- 1) Reservoir is down about five feet, but in better shape than we were this time last year.
- 2) Hach Company service agreement is in place for our monitoring equipment. All instruments are installed and running properly.
- 3) The sanitary had to be conducted over the phone this year due to COVID – 19. The report from Health Department should be available within the month.
- 4) Have started to put into place the city's backflow prevention surveys for commercial and industrial water customers.

SEWER PLANT

- 1) Swiss Valley came and replaced solenoid and blower on grit chamber.

CAMERON POOL:

- 1) Closed for the season.

The Pool is holding a fundraiser through Joe Corbi's Pizza & More. Sales will run through October 23, 2020. Money & orders are due no later than October 23, 2020. Find yourself one of our wonderful pool committee individuals or stop by City building to place an order. You can also place an order online www.joecorbi.com and reference participation code- 515841. Orders will be in on November 12 or 13th. Will let everyone know for sure when verified. Easy way to feed everyone for dinner or lunch and support The Cameron Pool.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge

- 1) ABSENT

Joseph Wendt

- 1) NOTHING TO ADD

Kenny Richmond

- 1) Turned in four pole lights that need called in. Light pole by Jeff Allen's house is staying on all day and night.
- 2) 41 Gable Roof is falling apart and blowing everywhere. Grass needs mowed is about waist high.
- 3) 59 Gable trash is building up everywhere.
- 4) Pauly Masons driveway on Dragon Highway. Needs attention.

Terri Galentine

- 1) If City would be having Trick or Treat.

PZ WINTERS

- 1) Great job City Crew!
- 2) 19 North Avenue front porch is falling apart. Dog feces everywhere on front porch and down below house. Chief Dougherty is communicating with resident on areas that need attention.
- 3) Jeff Andersons property on North Avenue. Roof is in bad condition and is blowing off into neighboring properties. The porch is ready to fall in.
- 4) Thank you to Chief Dougherty for explaining the maintenance history on police cruisers. The police report given to council monthly is greatly appreciated. Easy to read and is highly informative.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Police presence at the Elementary School playground is very appreciated.
- 2) Elementary School has decided against Trunk N Treat this year due to COVID.
- 3) 4 Hillcrest garbage and supplies laying around everywhere.
- 4) 16 Hillcrest yard and garbage.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) On October 19, 2020 there will a public meeting held at Benedum Building Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. The meeting is to obtain input from citizens regarding community development, possible PHASE III WATER PROJECT.
- 2) Fire hydrant that was damaged going North on Dragon Highway. Information has been put together to be possibly filled with Small Claim Court.
- 3) Dumpster Day is October 17, 2020.
- 4) Went over ideas with council on how to get out of town residents to take care of Dilapidated properties. Not having much luck with many residents who no longer live in Cameron. Asked council to think about any ideas they might have to accomplish this task.
- 5) Thank you to Robby and Pammy Henry for picking up Appliances around the city. Really helps the City and its residents with the cleaning efforts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm, seconded by Councilperson Kenny Richmond. Motion passed vote of 5 yes.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk