

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on October 20, 2014 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Julie Beresford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Helen McMasters, Jack Hart, Sr., Tom Hart, Mary Leichter, and Wayne Simmons. Ron Walker, absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Wayne Simmons.

**AGENDA ITEMS:** 1) Jay Prager was present from Reynolds Memorial Hospital and announced that the Cameron Wellness Center would be closing soon. He inquired as to whether the City would be interested in leasing or purchasing the facility. There are currently 17 members and the facility has been losing money. Membership prices are \$25 per month for individuals, and \$21 per month for senior citizens. The utilities at the facility are approximately \$3,000 per year, and employee salaries are \$17,000 per year. He stated the building is in fairly good condition other than a small leak around the vent in the restroom, and a 3 foot section of soffit is missing. Councilman Jack Hart, Sr., proposed that the City lease the facility for \$1.00 per year from Reynolds Memorial Hospital, which would include all of the equipment. The City would be responsible for all utilities, and the membership dues that are currently being paid in would be redirected to the City. There was also some discussion regarding funding from grants and other outside sources to keep the facility operational. Tom Hart made a motion to table the matter until further review, Jack Hart, Sr., seconded. Motion carried.

2) Jim Rogers was present and indicated that he would like to tear off the old porch over the sidewalk next to the Browns Restaurant building and where the Cameron Tavern was. He would like to reconstruct the deck with steps going up each side of it so that it would not be blocking the sidewalk. Jack Hart, Sr., made a motion to allow the construction, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$206,409.43, Water Fund - \$10,515.94, and Sewer Fund - \$21,087.27, Total \$238,012.64.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Younger's report was presented to Council at the last meeting.

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:** Mayor Beresford reported that the new snow plow had been installed on the dump truck and that both trucks are ready for winter.

**STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:** Tom Hart stated that there is a pothole at the bottom of Virginia Avenue that needs addressed. He also stated that there is a street sign at the intersection of Green Valley Road and West Street that needs replaced due to damage. A discussion was had concerning placing a stop sign at the bottom of North Avenue. Wayne Simmons moved to reinstall the sign, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

**WATER/SEWER:** Mayor Beresford advised that the new high lift pump had been installed, and that the state inspection would take place on October 28<sup>th</sup>. She also advised that everything was going well at the sewer plant.

Helen McMasters advised that she had received complaints regarding brown water with an odor from residents of Church Street, the apartments, and Green Valley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve minutes from the October 6, 2014 meeting was made by Wayne Simmons, seconded by Helen McMasters. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Beresford reminded everyone that Trick or Treat would be held on October 30, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Beresford advised that on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Supreme Governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Danny Alberts, would be at the Cameron Moose Lodge at Noon, and that Council was invited to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rose Clark was present and stated that she was very happy with her room at the Cameron Events Center. She inquired about purchasing some of the computers at the facility, and was told they were \$25 per each set (tower, monitor, and keyboard). There are currently 13 towers and 11 printers in her room. Mayor Beresford advised she will do a work order for the city crew to remove them. Ms. Clark stated she would like to purchase 4 of the computers. Helen McMasters made a motion to allow the purchase, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

In addition, there are some chemicals in her room that need removed, and Mayor Beresford advised her she would speak with Chief Younger about this.

Roy Wells was present and stated he would like to lease a room at the Cameron Events Center to put a shop in. He was interested in Room 106, and he stated he would be selling antiques, etc. Mayor Beresford advised that the rental would be \$50 per month with a six month lease, which would be reevaluated at the end of the lease period. Tom Hart made a motion to allow him to rent a room, Helen McMasters seconded. Motion carried.

Larry Hartley was present with an update on the progress at the ball fields. He stated that Spectra Energy had graded the dirt pile and was putting gravel down to allow for more parking. S&S Processing will be moving in later this week or next week to re-do the field. He believes that topping off the field with the proper soil will take care of the drainage problem. Spectra Energy will also be donating \$1,000 to the baseball association.

Tom Hart extended his thanks to Larry Hartley and Chris Hartley regarding their efforts in upgrading the baseball fields.

A discussion was had concerning requesting an increase in the amount of money the Board of Education provides to the baseball association for maintenance at the facility. Larry Hartley advised he would discuss this matter with the Board of Education himself.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** None.

**COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:** Emergency Services/Publicity: Tom Hart advised that he and Chief Younger had met with a representative of Baker & Associates regarding the 911 mapping. They will be following the county and state standards for address changes. There will be another follow-up meeting in the future, and once these addresses are changed we will be in compliance with state codes.

a) Community Clean-Up Issues: None.

**INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

Tom Hart – None.

Helen McMasters – None.

Mary Leichter – The Howard Street sign needs put up.

Ron Walker – Absent.

Wayne Simmons – None.

Jack Hart, Sr. – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jack Hart, Sr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

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Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

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Julie Beresford, Mayor