

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, November 16, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session November 16, 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 VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE: Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, and Sherry Johnson, and City Attorney Christian Turak  
Sarah Burge – Absent  
Mike Dougherty - Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by all Councilpersons.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented on November 2, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 I'S. Mayor polled each councilperson individually for all voted items listed under November 16, 2020 Council Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Sharon Roupe entered conference Via Phone Call to discuss the building she owns on 166 Main Street Cameron, WV. Miss Roupe had her sons tie the wall back. Miss. Roupe and her sons plan to fix up the building. They have been in the process of getting quotes for a roof to be put on building. Each councilperson spoke and asked Miss Roupe questions regarding building.
  - Councilperson Joe Wendt – With the shape of the building he would like to see it tore down.
  - Councilperson Kenny Richmond – Feels this building is a safety issue and needs tore down.
  - Councilperson Terri Galentine – Questioned Miss Roupe what she has in place if the building would fall?
  - Councilperson PZ Winters – Building in question has been an ongoing issue for years. Would like to see building tore down.
  - Councilperson Sherry Johnson – Nothing to add.

Mayor and Council request for Miss Roupe to provide an estimate of cost for roof, and any other necessary safety concerns to be fixed. Request for this information to be brought to the December 7, 2020 council meeting for review and discussion.

Mail ordinance and Reminder of council meeting to Miss Roupe.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and Approval to purchase a Concrete Saw and blades for the City Crew. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's.
- 2) Discussion and Approval for the Mayor to sign MAYORAL PROCLAMATION in harmony with CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK IN WEST VIRGINIA. November 22-28, 2020 as proclaimed by GOVERNOR JIM JUSTICE. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 4 I's and 1-NO.
- 3) Discussion and Approval of Bills to be paid from last council meeting November 2, 2020. Mayor explained City Clerk will investigate the annual bill for Mission. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's.
- 4) Discussion and Approval of NOT having Christmas Parade. After reviewing new guidelines placed by Health Department. Instead decorate a truck and have Santa Clause sit in the back and drive around City limits to wish all our towns families a Merry Christmas. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's.
- 5) Discussion and Approval of quote regarding work needed at Water Plant. After reviewing quote council voted on Approval of the double door installed with hardware and single door installed with hardware to be completed now. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – Larry Hartley and other electricians continuing to work on lighting. Light has been placed to light up flagpole. Christian Turak is also going to reach out to Steve about blacktop.

**FINANCE REPORT**

- 1) Mayor H. Greg Galentine read the Finance Report – General Fund \$558,250.93 Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$41,358.03, and Sewer Fund 1,178.94 total \$600,787.90.

**GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:**

- 1) None

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

**Sarah Burge:** ABSENT

**Joseph Wendt**

- 1) Empty lots on Crawford are starting to shift. Also notice some shifting on Main Street.
- 2) Sidewalks need fixed in many different areas.
- 3) Stray cats on Crawford Ave. All we can do is trap and take to Animal shelter.

**Kenny Richmond**

- 1) Gable Avenue drain needs cleaned out.
- 2) Requested an update on Pauly Masons driveway.

**Terri Galentine**

- 1) Residents questioning if the City would be having a parade or not.

**PZ WINTERS**

- 1) Update on house beside of City Building. When is it going to be tore down?
- 2) Carol Andersons home on High Street. Porch is falling off the front of home.
- 3) Grate on intake at Reservoir is missing. Is that something that needs replaced so something does not clog it?
- 4) Thank you for the work done at the new library location.

**Sherry Johnson**

- 1) Updates on 4 Hillcrest and 16 Hillcrest. Mayor explained to council our assistant City Clerk Lisa Warren has sent many letters to both locations. No response and/or sent back to City unclaimed. Lisa is going to send another letter. The City has a large folder showing all the correspondence that has been sent and returned. The Mayor is going to follow up with Christian about what next step can be taken.
- 2) Concerned about adults and children entering abandoned homes on Hillcrest. City has boarded up home, but individuals are still entering.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- 1) On December 7, 2020 the second public meeting will be 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. Will also add to the Agenda Discussion and Approval for Mayor to sign the application.
- 2) Mayor is in the process of seeking PHASE III funding thru DEP Funds and IJDC Funds. These funds would be ALL FORGIVING FUNDS. The Mayor is working with Sewer Board, Sewer Plant Operator, Thrasher LLC, and Belomar. Application will be submitted for approval or denial.

- 3) Q & M Construction has removed the home located at 52 High Street. Also removing debris from trailer next to the said property. Price for removal was \$5,000.00.
- 4) Mayor has spoke with Chief of Police, Mike Dougherty about police officers going out to assist with EMS when a call is received for inside city limits. If the police officer is not currently dealing with something else at that given time.
- 5) The City has applied for Cares Act Funds for the months of:
  - March 2020 – Total received \$7,206.94
  - April 2020 - Total received \$8,085.29
  - May 2020 - Total received \$3,169.21
  - June 2020 - Total received \$3,498.16
  - July 2020 - Total received \$11,013.90
  - August 2020 - Total received \$9,988.97
  - September 2020 - Total received \$10,659.00 TOTAL: \$53,621.47
  - October 2020 - Submitted
  - November 2020 - Submitted
- 6) City Clerk has submitted all information needed to County Commissioners Office for reimbursement of PPE products. PPE products were purchased for all Departments with The City Building, City Hall, Police, City Crew, VFD, Sewer Plant, and Water Plant. We have stocked up on necessities for all departments. To help ensure the safety of our residents and employees in this unsure time.
- 7) We have endured a very dry season. The City reservoir is showing it. Water level has continued to drop. Mayor is posting a MANDITORY WATER CONSERVATION starting immediately. Will be posted on City Facebook page, our City website [www.cameronwv.com](http://www.cameronwv.com), and on local news stations.
- 8) Want to Thank Brad Bledsoe for purchasing the City’s BEAUTIFUL Christmas Tree!
- 9) Happy Thanksgiving to council, all employees, and their families. City Building will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion passed vote of 5 l’s.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk