

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on November 18, 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, Wayne Simmons, Helen McMasters and Tom Hart. Ron Walker was present but left for a fire call prior to start of meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Wayne Simmons.

SCHEDULED ON AGENDA: 1) Cable office moving to former high school.
2) Water plant matters.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$242,995.15, Water Fund - \$23,508.49, and Sewer Fund - \$4,695.88, Total \$271,199.52.

POLICE REPORT: None.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Mayor Beresford reported that the brakes were being repaired on the white city truck. In addition, parts for the salt spreader had been ordered and the crew would be repairing it.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: None.

WATER/SEWER: The supplies have been ordered to repair the sewer problem near Brian Marling's shop. Mayor Beresford advised that we would need to have a right of way agreement signed by Ms. McCombs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Helen McMasters, seconded by Tom Hart.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford advised that the WV Ethics Commission had granted approval for Jeff Beresford to assist with repairs at the water plant. In addition, she stated that Underwater Services had completed their assessment of the water plant, reservoir and tower, and that she had their report if anyone would like to review it. Tom Hart inquired as to whether Attorney David Hook had reviewed the lease agreement from Trans Energy and was advised that Attorney Hook had been on vacation for two weeks and had not yet had a chance to review it. Helen McMasters stated that Mr. Magers had retained counsel out of New York to deal with his oil and gas problem, and that retaining counsel outside of the area is something the City could consider.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Beresford advised that she had been approached by Rose Dobbs concerning possibly moving the cable office up to the former Cameron High School. Ms. Dobbs stated that they would be able to pay \$450 per month for rental. They would also possibly be interested in renting space for storage.

Mayor Beresford has been contacted by the State Health Department concerning the quality of the water at the Cameron Water Plant. She has been advised that the quality of the water in the City is one of the best in the state. She also noted that we were at 93% accountability.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wyatt O'Neil was present and indicated that the varsity wrestlers were interested in using the gym at the former Cameron High School for practice. He did, however, express his concerns regarding the utility bills. He indicated that the Marshall County Board of Education has expressed a willingness to contribute approximately \$3200 towards the utility bills. Mayor Beresford indicated she would contact the Superintendent regarding this matter. In addition, Mayor Beresford advised that the City had applied for an Evan G. Roberts grant to assist with the utility bills. Wayne Simmons suggested contacting the Benedum Foundation for some assistance as well. Sheila Cottrell will contact the Benedum Foundation to see if they can assist the City with funding the recreation center project and/or help with the utility bills.

Mr. Temple was present and voiced his concern over the dilapidated state of the front porch on the residence near his home. Mayor Beresford indicated that if it was private property it would be the responsibility of the homeowner to take care of this problem.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: Mayor Beresford advised that she, Tom Hart, Dave Evans, Mike Younger, and several other area representatives had traveled to Charleston to meet with the House Transportation Committee concerning the state of disrepair of the roads in our area. In addition, they advised the committee of the heavy truck traffic traveling these roads.

Mayor Beresford also advised that the City would be issuing citations of \$250 to Consol for the five properties they had promised to tear down some time ago. They will also be summoned to appear at the next session of Municipal Court.

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS: Tom Hart advised that the process would begin tomorrow for moving the equipment from the Parsons Tower to the new AT&T tower.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – Tom Hart said that the girls softball association was interested in renting the gym at the former Cameron High school on Sundays to conduct pitching clinics. He stated that John Hall was in charge of this matter.

Helen McMasters – None.

Rock Guzek – Rock Guzek wanted to know if something could be done about his neighbor's dog which barks excessively.

Ron Walker – Absent.

Wayne Simmons – Wayne Simmons indicated two members of the Cameron High School FFA had received the highest honor of the FFA at the annual convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and felt that the City should recognize them in some way, which was agreeable to the Mayor and council.

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Jack Hart, Sr. – Absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Rocky Guzek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom Hart seconded.

Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

Julie Beresford, Mayor