

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, December 7th, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session December 7th, 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: Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, and Sherry Johnson, Chief Mike Dougherty, and City Attorney Christian Turak. PZ Winters elected to come to the Benedum Community Building.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by all Councilpersons.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 I'S. Mayor polled each councilperson individually for all voted items listed under December 7th, 2020 Council Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) NO-ONE OUTSIDE OF COUNCILPERSONS ENTERED INTO CONFERENCE VIA PHONE CALL.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of 4 hours paid for city full-time employees on December 24, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Christmas Bonus for Full-time and part-time city employees. After discussion of options council voted on \$150.00 Christmas Bonus for the full-time employees, and \$75.00 for the part-time employees. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's with 1 Nay.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of bills to be paid from last council meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of a 60-day extension for Sharon Roupes property located at 166 Main Street. This time will allow Sharon to apply for a home equity line. To use toward upgrading and fixing property up to code. Council will review progress at the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 council meeting. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – NA
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of keeping the addresses the city has currently for Gable Avenue and Railroad Street. Council person Joseph Wendt moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 6 l's.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- 1) The Mayor read the Finance Report – General Fund \$534,448.37, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$38,040.20, and Sewer Fund \$2383.83, total \$574,872.40. Emailed this to all council the next morning.

## **FIRST (1<sup>ST</sup>) OF MONTH REPORTS**

### **1) POLICE:**

See attached Report completed by Chief Dougherty.

Councilperson PZ Winters questioned Chief Dougherty about Officer Long's citations showing stops and Officer Bromelow's is showing just citations. Chief Dougherty explained why it showed up that way. Due to phone difficulties, I was not able to hear the explanation. Councilperson Sarah Burge questioned Officer Johnson's hours. Chief Dougherty explained it was a mistake. Officer Johnson has not worked any hours here for a while. Chief Dougherty went over the New Cop Grant System. This system took effect in October 2020. 75% of all users are experiencing issues getting set up correctly. Chief Dougherty did verify there is NO DANGER of the City losing the Grant funds during these difficulties. The cruiser that was donated to the City of Cameron is currently being serviced and is almost ready to go to work.

### **2) VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:**

NA

### **3) STREETS / ALLEYS / LIGHTING:**

See attached Report completed by Assistant Clerk Lisa Warren.

Checking with Whiteside to see if we can exchange the plow, we purchased with new Dump Truck, for a smaller one. Mayor has instructed the City Crew to continue using old Dump Truck and equipment until it cannot be used no more.

### **4) WATER:**

The water plant has been running well this month. The reservoir still has not returned to normal level. The City has been following a WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE. WV Rural Water sent a gentleman here to go around the City limits with the City Crew. A leak was located on Hillcrest. He will be back after the first of the year to perform a check on all hydrants and all valves. The mayor will be meeting with Tom Hart with Emergency Services to go over a PSW4 Emergency Plan in case we run out of water. Just to have something in place. Want to be prepared.

**5) SEWER:**

No changes at Sewer Plant. Waiting for Bid selection and the official start of our Sewer Project. Bids are due in on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Located at The City Building by 10:00 A.M.

**6) CAMERON POOL:**

Closed for season

Want to **THANK MASON DIXON ENERGY** for **volunteering** to help with maintenance and projects that are needed around the pool.

**GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:**

- 1) None

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

**Sarah Burge:**

- 1) Thank you to Chief Dougherty for staying on top of the Cop Grant.

**Joseph Wendt**

- 1) Had a few residents question the dips on Crawford Avenue. The dips are where water lines are coming under the road. When spring arrives the City Crew will fill and smooth out those areas.

**Kenny Richmond**

- 1) Nothing to add.

**Terri Galentine**

- 1) Nothing to add.

**PZ WINTERS**

- 1) Will get with Nichole about a couple properties. Suggestion about the sharp turn on Columbia Avenue. Would a yield sign help slow traffic down? Afraid there is going to be an accident. Stop sign on Crawford no one ever stops at it. Did not know if police watched that area and gave warnings if it would help the situation? Parking on sidewalks must stop. Mayor and Chief Dougherty are going to discuss how they are going to handle the situation with the sidewalks.

**Sherry Johnson**

- 1) Status on BBQ place going North out of Cameron. Assistant Clerk Lisa Warren will send a letter out requesting for the building to be boarded up. Pick up garbage and put any items wanted in storage.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- 1) WV Rural Water assisting us with finding water leaks throughout town.
- 2) The City has applied for Cares Act Funds for the months July, August, September, and October, and November 2020. All Funds have been deposited. Our total Cares Act Funds received is \$64,209.34. Will send in Decembers information after December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 pay period.
- 3) Applying for Grant to update area out front of City Building. Benches, concrete, trash bins, and ect. Will update council when we get more information.
- 4) City will be sending out Thank you letters to Bledsoe Energy for donation of our beautiful Christmas Tree, Pastor Steven Jumper for speaking and prayers at the tree lighting, Ladies of The Blue & Gold for refreshments and cookies they provided, and Faith and Levi Scott for the amazing work decorating our Christmas Tree and Depot area. None of this is possible without the help of others. Thank you all!
- 5) Reminder Court is held December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M. The next council meeting will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at The City Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion passed vote of 6 l's.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk