

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, February 7th, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session February 7th, 2022, from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, John "PZ" Winters, Sherry Johnson.

Police Chief Mike Dougherty, absent.

City Attorney Christian Turak, absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson Sherry Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) NA

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and update given by Matthew Haines from Thrasher Engineering, LLC regarding the Green Valley Water Extension Project. The Green Valley Water Extension Project has been approved. 100% Grant funds with no rate increase for our residents. Looking to have design, permit, and bidding process completed by end of April 2022. Projected date for completion is end of October 2022.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to hire Mr. Jeff Gardner as a full-time Operator in Training at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Starting wage of \$12.00 per hour with a raise (determined amount) after 6-month probation period review. Complete benefit package that includes health insurance, retirement, sick days, vacation, paid holidays, and personal days.
- 3) Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to go into executive session at 7:10 PM, for further discussion of hiring Mr. Jeff Gardner as a full-time Operator in Training at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 4) Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to come out of executive session at 7:45 PM, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to hire Mr. Jeff Gardner as a full-time Operator in Training at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Starting wage of \$13.00 per hour with a raise (determined amount) after 6-month probation period review. Complete benefit package that includes health insurance, retirement, sick days, vacation, paid holidays,

and personal days. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve hiring Mr. Jeff Gardner, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of the City of Cameron to abate nuisance issue located at 57, 59, and 61 High Street Cameron, WV and enter into the License to Demolish Dilapidated Structures (“License”) is made and entered by and between Virginia West (“Grantor”) and the City of Cameron, West Virginia (“Grantee”). Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve to abate nuisance issue located at 57, 59, and 61 High Street Cameron, WV and enter into the License to Demolish Dilapidated Structures (“License”) is made and entered by and between Virginia West (“Grantor”) and the City Cameron, West Virginia (“Grantee”), seconded by Sherry Johnson. Mayor H. Greg Galentine polled each councilperson individually. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 7) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and February 7, 2022. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve paying bills as presented, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote 6 YES.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – Mr. Larry Hartley is accepting bids for mowing at the Cameron Recreational Park. Fixed fields from flooding issues back in July 2021.

#### **City & Community Reports**

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** read by Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$801,029.98, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$42,531.64, and Sewer Fund \$31,782.56 total \$875,344.18.

#### **First (1<sup>st</sup>) of Month Reports:**

- Police Report: See attached
- Cameron VFD Report: See attached
- Vehicle Maintenance: See attached
- Streets / Alleys / Lighting: See attached
- Water Plant Report: See attached information.
- Sewer Plant Report: See attached information.
- Cameron Pool: NA
- Cameron Landmarks: None

#### **COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

##### **Sarah Burge:**

- Thank you to City Employees for all your hard work.
- Thank you VFD for monthly report and all help given to our community.

##### **Joseph Wendt:**

- Requested a copy of The Leash Ordinance be emailed to him for review.
- Questioning parking on Main Street.

**Kenny Richmond:**

- Has been contacted by resident in his ward to come over and look and discuss concerns the resident has.
- Gable Avenue drain needs cleaned out.

**Terri Galentine:**

- Thank you all for the work being put into our community.
- Some potholes located on High Street need filled when possible.

**John "PZ" WINTERS**

- Thank you, Greg, and City Employees.
- Thank you, City Crew.
- Thank you to Officer Young for assistance.
- Would like to thank all officers that are working to help our community.

**Sherry Johnson**

- Requested update on Dilapidated Homes Grant Project.
- Thank you to all involved in the accomplishments being made.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

- **Update on Dilapidated Homes Grant Project consisting of a list of 5 properties. There is paperwork that needs to be filled out for each properties. The city has successfully completed two of the five. After all paperwork is completed for all properties. Paperwork can then be turned in for processing.**
- **Thank you to everyone for working together to succeed in positive change for our community.**
- **PLEASE if you see anything that doesn't seem right. Please pick up the phone and report it. CALL 304-686-2213 7 days a week 24 hours a day.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Kenny Richmond moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk