

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, February 21st, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on February 21st, 2024. Mayor H. Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Joseph Wendt, Stephanie Neely, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson
Councilperson Sarah Burge, Absent
Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent
City Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present
City Attorney Jason Pockl, Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Sherry Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for February 5th, 2024, including correction of spelling of a word, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NA

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of depositing the entire refund check from the State of WV for Municipal Sewer Bond in the amount of \$26,885.84 to open a Capital Reserve Account (CWCR) mandatory by PSC. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve depositing the entire refund check from the State of WV for Municipal Sewer Bond in the amount of \$26,885.84 to open a Capital Reserve Account (CWCR) mandatory by PSC, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign an agreement with Guida Law Offices, PLLC to employ their firm as counsel for representation of the City of Cameron for Phase III Water System Improvements Project. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign an agreement with Guida Law Offices, PLLC to employ their firm as counsel for representation of the City of Cameron for Phase III Water System Improvements Project, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of second reading of an ordinance of the city council of the City of Cameron fixing the assessments for the costs of razing dilapidated structures on certain properties in the city in accordance with applicable sections of the West Virginia code and the ordinances of the City of Cameron. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve second reading of an ordinance of the city council of the City of Cameron fixing the assessments for the costs of razing dilapidated structures on certain properties in the city in accordance with

applicable sections of the West Virginia code and the ordinances of the City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Notice of Award in the amount of \$169,000.00 for WVDEP DLAP Project (Demolition of abandoned and dilapidated properties). Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Notice of Award in the amount of \$169,000.00 for WVDEP DLAP Project (Demolition of abandoned and dilapidated properties), seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of H. Greg Galentine to sign the Audit Certification Form, Assurances – Construction Programs Form, Assurances – Debarment Suspension, Etc., Form, and WVDEP Conflict of Interest Non – Disclosure Form for the WVDEP DLAP Project. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve H. Greg Galentine to sign the Audit Certification Form, Assurances – Construction Programs Form, Assurances – Debarment Suspension, Etc., Form, and WVDEP Conflict of Interest Non – Disclosure Form for the WVDEP DLAP Project, seconded by Councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for February 21st, 2024. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve paying bills for February 21st, 2024, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) NA

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$789,860.00, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$46,796.06, Sewer Fund \$15,827.59. Totals \$859,483.65.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

- a) Sarah Burge – ABSENT
- b) Joseph Wendt – NA
- c) Stephanie Neely – Great job on Demo project. Great job City Crew on clearing snow during storm and everything else you guys accomplish for our community.
- d) Terri Galentine – Absent
- e) John "PZ" Winters – NA
- f) Sherry Johnson – NA

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- 1) The city must open a CWCR account for the Water Account just like the Sewer Account.
- 2) Property owners of 52 Waynesburg Pike Rd are still working on renewing their LLC. After this is accomplished the sale of the property to the City of Cameron can be finalized. A couple more weeks should be ready for closing.
- 3) The demolition project #1 is going very smoothly. Three houses are down one on Gable Avenue, High Street, and Hillcrest Avenue, and everything looks great.
- 4) Still working through options for City of Cameron water. Water Plant Phase III has been submitted. Rule 42 has been completed by Lowes Associates. Jared from Lowes Associates will be invited to the next council meeting to explain Rule 42 to the council. Looking at a possible 20 % increase to our water rate. The city has not had an increase in water rate since 2017. Mayor spoke with the council about the aging water plant. Have they ever thought about doing away with water plants and purchasing water from PSD? Lots of things to consider with either route that is decided on. The mayor asked the council to investigate the options discussed.
- 5) Current sidewalk project notice to proceed should be given in the next couple of weeks.
- 6) Mayor will be contacting Steve with Thrasher about starting Phase II of the sidewalk project.
- 7) The DOH has given the city a load of cold patch to use as needed. Instructed the council members to contact the office if they see any area that needs attention. Area on High Street by the slip and down closer to post office.
- 8) Chief Allman spoke with the council to update them on the new cruiser that was purchased for the police station. Everything is completed on the cruiser and is currently being used. Currently waiting on a fire extinguisher for the unit. Chief Allman also asked council members to research and think about allowing take home cruisers for the two full time police officer positions we currently have filled. The third cruiser would be for our part time officers who help our city out from time to time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk