

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on April 1st, 2024. Mayor H. Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson, Stephanie Neely. Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent  
City Attorney Jason Pockl, Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson Sherry Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the Minutes for March 18th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES, abstained by 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

David Evans spoke on the sewer problem down at 171 Main Street. He has some thoughts on how we see exactly what the issue is, and how to fix it. Said Jeff struggled with all the water at the sewer with the excess of rain we had the previous night. He also asked if the town would have a bigger impact with the flooding if the dams went away. Mr. Evans and a couple of others are putting a committee together to try to let Charleston know how the coal mine is impacting towns in WV.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of \$4.00 pay increase for Wastewater Operator Jeff Gardner. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the \$4.00 pay increase, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES, abstained by 1.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of first reading of an ordinance of the City of Cameron, West Virginia. Providing for an increase in the rates it charges to provide water. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective no sooner that 45 days following the adoption date TBD Unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$34,096 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 20%. The average monthly bill for the various sizes of meters will be charged as follows.

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Seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of purchasing a H.D. Electric Jack Hammer Concrete and Large Rock Breaker in the amount of \$639.99 for the Streets Department. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve the purchase of a H.D. Electric Jack Hammer Concrete and Large Rock Breaker in the amount of \$639.99 for the Streets Department, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 yes.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**City & Community Reports**

**FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$848,919.99, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$44,226.31, Sewer Fund \$13,927.85. Totals \$907,074.15.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS**

Sarah Burge – PPG had purchased some chemicals for this pools season. This may not be enough so she is requesting help from the city with purchasing the remaining for what the pool will need. She is going to get the quote together for the next council meeting. The Williams Company will be working at the pool, and they will be coming back up this month to do more maintenance. The pool is going to need more volunteers to do general work before opening. The Pool is fully staffed already.

Joseph Wendt – Talked about the vehicles driving off the road and tearing up the pavement below and above his house on the turns.

Stephanie Neely – Mentioned the potholes on Highland Drive that a resident asked about. Brad Wood wanted to know who owned the lane behind his house, the road needs attention. Asked about busted storm drain off Dragon Hwy on York St.

Terri Galentine – Absent

John “PZ” Winters – Asked what the status of the purchasing of the old hardware.

Sherry Johnson – Nothing-

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

**Notified council that the city was awarded a 1.5 million grant towards our water project. He let the Council know we rebuilt media filter; the back flushing was losing filter due to age of material.  
Had company come in to inspect our tanks, was impressed at how good of shape they are, for as old they are. We tried to seek emergency funding for the replacement but was denied. Money from the APRA fund was used.  
Going to be treating the dam for algae every 4 weeks per Mike Hershman with WV rural water.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, all in favor.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Stephanie D. Neely, Asst. City Clerk