

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson John “PZ” Winters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, with the corrections made under councilperson Sarah Burges comments, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion passed 5 YES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Steve Haynes from The Thrasher Engineering Group spoke with the council regarding upcoming project progress.  
Water Project was awarded 1.5 million in Grant Funds. Moving forward on design plans and permits. Steve Haynes also went over the Rule 42 that must be completed by a CPA prior to applying for said grants.  
Sewer Project is moving along. Permit and bond have been approved.
- Roger & Amanda Littleton questions regarding possible water rate increase. Roger also asked about the city having three police cruisers.
- Judy Beresford signed in. Didn't want to talk, thought she had to sign the paper.
- Heavenly Cook had questions regarding water and possible water rate increase.
- Ann Littleton had questions regarding possible water rate increase.
- Lisa Lewis had questions regarding possible water rate increase.
- Jared Gillespie from Lowes and Associates, PLLC called in by conference call and explained the process of compiling a Rule 42 for a municipality and why a Rule 42 is required to be completed. Jared also went over the suggested possible rate increase. Why the increase is necessary, how the increase is calculated, and the rules that municipalities are governed by through the Public Service Commission and State codes placed by the State of WV.
- Mr. Dave Evans, a resident and sewer board member wanted to report to council that they have been using the sewer camera and locator. It has really helped with some large issues. Wanted to thank the Cameron VFD for assisting them the other day on one of the backups.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of second and final 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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Residential	\$5.33	20%
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Seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing approval acknowledgment received from West Virginia Water Development Authority, Economic Enhancement Grant Award in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing approval acknowledgment received from West Virginia Water Development Authority, Economic Enhancement Grant Award in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of quote in the amount of \$1,555.00 to purchase chlorine and stabilizer for the Cameron Pool. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve the quote in the amount of \$1,555.00 to purchase chlorine and stabilizer for the Cameron Pool, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 4 YES, 1 OBSTAINED.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing Coverage Intent Form for FY 2024-2025 with WVCORP for property & Casualty and Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$49,776.00. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing Coverage Intent Form for FY 2024-2025 with WVCORP for property & Casualty and Worker’s Compensation in the amount of \$49,776.00, seconded by John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of renewing health plan benefit program for the 12-month contract period beginning 06/01/2024 and ending 05/31/2025 with the estimated monthly premium of \$13,380.01. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve renewing the health plan benefit program for the 12-month contract period beginning 06/01/2024 and ending 05/31/2025 with the estimated monthly premium of \$13,380.01, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed, 5 yes.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

**City & Community Reports**

**FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$853,928.34, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$45,601.18, Sewer Fund \$6,427.55. Totals \$905,957.07.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS**

Sarah Burge – NA

Joseph Wendt – NA

Stephanie Neely – Thank you to the City Crew for all they do. Everything is looking good.

Terri Galentine – Absent

John “PZ” Winters – NA

Sherry Johnson – Questioned what the city crew was able to accomplish with water run off up on Hillcrest by easements.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

- **Water Rule 42 was completed for the upcoming Water Project.**
- **City received Notice to Proceed award for the Phase I Sidewalk Project.**
- **City received Award / Notice to Proceed for the WV DLAP Demolition Project.**
- **The city has hired 2 summer part time employees. Both returning employees. Kolten Wendt and Ryder Stern. They will be assisting with mowing, weed eating, painting, garbage pick-up, etc.**
- **Adding properties to the first CDBG Demolition Project to use the rest of the grant funds. Residents have been contacted and they have picked up the necessary forms to fill out.**
- **Jeff Gardner has received his certification to be Operator in Training at the Cameron Water Plant.**
- **1 filter at water plant is completely done. All new filter media and all new spheres.**
- **The other filter has all new media. Did not replace the spheres yet.**
- **Checking into possible funding that the city can obtain to pay for dredging of our reservoir.**
- **Mining meetings have begun more details to come.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, all in favor.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk