

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, May 6th, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on May 6th, 2024. Mayor H. Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Joseph Wendt, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson, Stephanie Neely.

Councilperson Sarah Burge, Absent

Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent

City Attorney Jason Pockl, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Joseph Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for April 15th and for Special Meeting held on April 16th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Casey Young from The Thrasher Engineering Group spoke with the council regarding upcoming project progress.

The design phase is in discussion of finalization stages. Back and forth with DOH and Thrasher. Since multiple projects will be completed in and around the same areas the two are working together to not finish one project and turn around and tear it up to complete the other project. Also looking into traffic control during projects. Should come to some resolution within the next couple weeks.

County Commissioner has the \$350,000.00 Phase III Water Project request on their May 21st, 2024, agenda to be voted on.

Sewer line issue found on Green Valley Road. City Crew currently working on it, Casey from Thrasher went to site to observe and will be in touch with contractor who completed the work Green Valley Water Extension Project.

Ground sampling and surveys have come back from the water tower location. Everything has passed and is good to go to install the two new tanks.

Casey was also going to sewer plant to access the grit chamber due to it not working properly and to look into possible next steps to get it fixed.

Wastewater Operator Jeff Gardner wants to discuss with the council some issues that have come up at the plant. Recently the plant pump motors are not cycling due to debris (rags, diapers, shirts) being flushed down toilet, which that get lodged into our NEW pumps.

Looking into options to fix this problem. Before we lose a pump due to debris.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of appointing John “PZ” Winters as Provisional Building Code Official. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve appointing John “PZ” Winters as Provisional Building Code Official, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 3 YES and 1 OBSTAINED.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of appointing Jeffrey Gardner as OIT (Operator in Training) at Water Plant. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve appointing Jeffrey Gardner as OIT (Operator in Training) at Water Plant, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 4 YES.

Discussion of pay for Jeffrey Gardner for OIT (Operator in Training) at Water Plant. After discussion it was decided by council to add to next agenda Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of a starting wage of \$12.00 an hour for Jeff Gardner as Water Plant OIT, dated back to when he received certification and starting accumulating hours towards water Class II Certification.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign City of Cameron Flood Control Operation, Maintenance Annual Funding Agreement with Northern Panhandle Conservation District in the amount of \$3,000.00. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign City of Cameron Flood Control Operation, Maintenance Annual Funding Agreement with Northern Panhandle Conservation District in the amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 4 YES.

Discussion of establishing an ordinance to establish: Public Comment During City Council Meetings. After discussion it was decided by the council to add to the next agenda First Reading to Establish Section 36 of the Ordinances of the City of Cameron: Public Comment During City Council Meetings.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign final draw request for Cameron Green Valley Water Extension authorizing payment Thereof,

Bel-O-Mar	\$6,126.23
The Thrasher Group	\$5,000.00
Total	\$11,126.23

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to table item until next meeting, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving invoices relating to demolition and other services for the proposed city of Cameron demolition project and Authorizing payment Thereof,

Bel-O-Mar	\$3,640.82
Edgco, Inc.	\$42,800.00
Total	\$46,440.82

Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for May 6th, 2024. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the paying of the bills, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed, 4 yes.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

City & Community Reports

FINANCE REPORT – General Fund \$877,241.18, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$44,695.10, Sewer Fund \$6,790.13. Totals \$928,726.41.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

Sarah Burge – ABSENT

Joseph Wendt – Questioned ordinance for dogs barking all day and throughout the night.

Stephanie Neely – Questioned steps from Howard Street to High Street. Wondered if abandoned or if City owns them. Stephanie also contacted the assessors office and verified dirt road beyond Hillcrest Avenue going back to houses with Pennsylvania Avenue addresses does belong to the city. It has been placed on the city crew list to have gravel put down to help maintain the road.

Terri Galentine – Absent

John “PZ” Winters – Thank you to Chief Allman, fellow councilperson Joseph Wendt, and Nichole Bryan for all the assistance with my new position as Property Maintenance Code Official.

Sherry Johnson – Update on the purchase of Old Hardware

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- **City Crew Dump truck that was donated to the city following devastating flood is on its last leg. The truck has been serviced and money has been put into it to keep it running. The truck is starting to nickel and dime us and has become unreliable for the city crew. Has quit on them numerous times while trying to accomplish jobs around town. Would like council to start thinking about the city putting money towards a new truck for the city crew. Don’t want to wait until the other one completely stops.**
- **Would like council to think about withdrawing from purchase of old hardware if the current owners do not show proof of accomplishing things on their side to finalize the closing of property.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, all in favor.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk