

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, July 17th, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on July 17th, 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, Sherry Johnson, Stephanie Neely. Councilperson Sarah Burge, Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson John “PZ” Winters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for June 17th, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Bruce Whipkey spoke about the issue of loss of water at the pool with the council. There is a leak somewhere in the return system. The discoloration at pool is from trying to fill so quickly and the chemicals used at plant and at the pool are working against each other. We think we have figured it out. Water seems to be looking much better each passing day. Agreed with Mayor to keep an eye on water level every few days and to discontinue using City water to fill pool. Due to lack of rain and unaccountable water use to continue filling in such large quantities. Mayor explained that the 4” main valve that was being used to fill pool due to water loss is not metered. When they were able to use the water hose to fill that is metered. OIT has become costly due to additional pumping. OIT has reported a significant increase in water usage. OIT spoke with Chief Operator Aaron Foster regarding issues. Per Chief Operator his opinion would be not to shut down water buffalo and continue to fill pool. It was discussed to check about getting potable water delivered to assist in filling it up.
- Delegate Mr. Chuck Sheedy came to speak with the council with a few updates. Delegate Sheedy was able to donate \$2,000 to the Cameron Library and to the Cameron Senior Citizens. No new updates to the Road Widening Project.
- Casey with Thrasher Group LLC came with updates with current projects. Water Project 3 easements are left to get signed. EEG funds requesting to go up to bid by August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Try to get easements completed by the end of this week. All permits for the project should be applied for by the end of this week also. Sewer Project needed an updated Rule 42 completed. This was completed by Lowe & Associates, PLLC. Jared from Lowe & Associates cannot sign off on Rule 42 unless the City performs a rate increase.
- DEP final COPA was mailed the last week of July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval for Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign annual Hach Service Partnership renewal for turbidimeter and field service contract in the amount of \$3,000.00. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to

sign annual Hach Service Partnership renewal for turbidimeter and field service contract in the amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.

- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of first reading for Amending Ordinance No.33 under section 6. Enforcement removing Joseph Wendt name from this section. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve the first reading for Amending Ordinance No.33 under section 6. Enforcement removing Joseph Wendt name from this section, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- c) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to review, discuss, consider and vote on Cooperation Agreement with MSHCC pertaining to mining under flood control dams. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve to review, discuss, consider and vote on Cooperation Agreement with MSHCC pertaining to mining under flood control dams, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- d) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for July 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve paying bills for July 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed by 4 YES.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to bring back to the table discussion for the City of Cameron to terminate buyer’s contract for the property located at 52 Waynesburg Avenue Cameron, WV 26033. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to bring back to the table, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval for the City of Cameron to terminate buyers’ contract for the property located at 52 Waynesburg Avenue Cameron, WV 26033. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to terminate buyers’ contract for the property located at 52 Waynesburg Avenue Cameron, WV 26033, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 3 YES, 1 NO.

**City & Community Reports**

**FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$1,133,743.57 Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$17,947.41, Sewer Fund \$3,585.81. Totals \$1,155,276.79.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS**

**Sarah Burge** – Absent

**Joseph Wendt** - Thank you to Chief Simms, Chief Allman, Officer Young, and Officer Long for all the time and effort put in with the Holiday Festivities.

**John “PZ” Winters** – When is street paving to start? Mayor stated he had spoken with DOH and it had got delayed due to emergency slip repairs.

Shout out to City Crew GREAT JOB!!

**Stephanie Neely** – NA

**Sherry Johnson** – NA

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- **Water Buffalo is currently CLOSED until further notice.**
- **Pro Contracting and Thrasher cut refund checks for the City and Mr. Tom Briggs.**
- **1-Hr Parking Signs were approved on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, council meeting. Never had any issues until now. The city has ordered two 1-Hr Parking Signs, and they will be installed when received on Bridge Street. Will be enforced by police officers.**
- **Great job to all involved with the GREAT JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration!**
- **Marshall County School will be hanging the second order of Veteran Flags around city limits on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They had an additional 30 ordered. Thank you, Marshall County Schools.**
- **Marshall County School Board and head of Maintenance will also be meeting with Thrasher tomorrow regarding sewer issues and signing of the temporary easement for upcoming Sewer project.**
- **Will be treating reservoir and will continue to treat on a 4-week schedule.**
- **Looking into replacement of more pole lights to LED.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, all in favor.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk