

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, September 4th, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on September 4th, 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, Sherry Johnson, Stephanie Neely. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Joseph Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for July 17th and Special Meeting held on July 29th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- A.C. from Bel-O-Mar was at the council to go over updates for ongoing projects. Advertisement for Bidding for the Phase III Water Project will be published September 5th and 12th, 2024. A mandatory Bid Meeting will be held at Cameron City Building Council Chambers on September 19 @ 10:00 AM. Bid Opening will be held at the same location on October 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM. Phase II Sewer Project Rule 42 was completed by Lowes & Associates. The CPA has proposed a rate increase. The council will have to determine and vote on the proposed rate increase until the project can go any further.
- Casey Young with Thrasher Engineering also attended the meeting with updates on project progress. All easements have been completed for the phase III Water Project. Working on the last 3 easements for the Phase II Sewer Project. September 10th binding commitment. Then the 1st Wednesday in October will be heard in front of Water Council Board. All projects are moving forward nicely.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution for budget revision of the Levy Estimate (Coal Severance Budget) of the City of Cameron. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution for budget revision of the Levy Estimate (Coal Severance Budget) of the City of Cameron, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution for budget revision of the Levy Estimate (General Budget) of the City of Cameron. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution for budget revision of the Levy Estimate (General Budget) of the City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.

- c) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Water Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year of The City of Cameron. Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve the Water Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year of The City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- d) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Sewer Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year of The City of Cameron. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the Sewer Budget for 2024-2025 Fiscal Year of The City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- e) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Chief of Police Appointment of Shawn Allman. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Chief of Police Appointment of Shawn Allman, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- f) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of City Clerk Appointment of Nichole Bryan. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the City Clerk Appointment of Nichole Bryan, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- g) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying \$850.00 to renew WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0020125 which expires on May 27th, 2025, and requires updating. Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve paying \$850.00 to renew WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0020125 which expires on May 27th, 2025, and requires updating, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- h) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of annual payment of \$2,525.00 to Mountaineer Computer Systems, Inc. for Maintenance and support agreement for July 2024-June 2025. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve annual payment of \$2,525.00 to Mountaineer Computer Systems, Inc. for Maintenance and support agreement for July 2024-June 2025, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- i) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of 1st reading and act upon a proposed Ordinance entitled: Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition And Construction of Certain Improvements and Extensions to Thereof, Not Otherwise Provided, Through the Acceptance By the City of Funding Assistance, Series 2024 A in the Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Through the West Virginia DWTRF Program; Authorizing Execution and Delivery of all Documents Relating to Acceptance of such Funding; Approving, Ratifying and Confirming the Funding Assistance Agreement Relating to such Funding; Assistance, Series 2024A. All Other Matters Related to the Foregoing. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve 1st reading and act upon a proposed Ordinance entitled: Ordinance Authorizing The Acquisition And Construction of Certain Improvements and Extensions to Thereof, Not Otherwise Provided, Through the Acceptance By the City of Funding Assistance, Series 2024 A in the Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$2,000,000 Through the West Virginia DWTRF Program; Authorizing Execution and Delivery of all Documents Relating to Acceptance of such Funding; Approving, Ratifying and Confirming the Funding Assistance Agreement Relating to such Funding; Assistance, Series 2024A. All Other Matters Related to the Foregoing, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 3 YES 1 Abstained.

- j) Discussion of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE SEWER. CPA Jared Gillespie from Lowes & Associates completed Rule 42 that he completed, and the state rules put into place by the PSC for municipalities to open a Sewer Working Capital Account. After discussion Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to add 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 SEWER to the September 16th, 2024, Agenda, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- k) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign engagement letter for the FY End 2024 Compilation and PSC Report(s) to be completed by Lowe & Associates, PLLC. Lowe & Associates estimate that fees for these services will be billed in the amount of \$65 to \$150 per hour or portion thereof, with a total fee not to exceed \$6,500, payable upon completion of the engagement. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign an engagement letter for the FY End 2024 Compilation and PSC Report(s) to be completed by Lowe & Associates, PLLC. Lowe & Associates estimate that fees for these services will be billed in the amount of \$65 to \$150 per hour or portion thereof, with a total fee not to exceed \$6,500, payable upon completion of the engagement, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- l) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of advertising to fill the vacancy of Councilperson for Ward 1. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve advertising to fill the vacancy of Councilperson for Ward 1, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- m) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for August 5th, and August 19th, 2024. Councilperson Stephanie moved to approve paying bills for August 5th, and August 19th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed by 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

City & Community Reports

- FINANCE REPORT – General Fund \$1,155,725.75 Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$9,689.94, Sewer Fund \$13,341.89. Totals \$1,178,757.58.
First (1) of Month Report

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

- Sarah Burge** - Pool is all closed. Can city crew assist in putting benches up under the pavilion for the winter season. Request for police department wages to be reviewed put on next Agenda.
- Joseph Wendt** - NA
- John "PZ" Winters** Absent
- Stephanie Neely** – Will fire hydrants be placed on Gable Avenue? Is Jeannie Lane a City of State Rd? When will the steps be fixed from Howard Street to High Street and the steps located by Church from High Street to Church Street.
Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered their time and all the hard work during the pool season and a successful fundraiser.

Sherry Johnson – NA

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- **Water Buffalo is currently CLOSED until further notice.**
- **The council is to think about Halloween Trick R Treat date and time.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, all in favor.

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk

Stephanie Neely, Assistant City Clerk