

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, October 21ST, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on October 7th, 2024. Nichole Bryan 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, and Hunter Chambers -Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Joseph Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the Minutes for October 7TH, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kasey Young from Thrasher – Updated council that 3 Contractors bid on the 3rd phase of the water project. Alex Parish came in with the lowest bid.
- A. C. Wiethe from Belomar – Came to update council on the phase 3 water project and phase 2 of the sewer project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **of Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk signing Authorizing Resolution to act on and sign on behalf of The City of Cameron and all federal and state actions as they relate to planning, design, and/or construction of City of Cameron Phase III Water System Improvements Project and to conduct and administer the day-to-day business of the City with the authority of the mayor until such time as the position of mayor is filled by a qualified individual selected by the City Council.** Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk signing Authorizing Resolution to act on and sign on behalf of The City of Cameron and all federal and state actions as they relate to planning, design, and/or construction of City of Cameron Phase III Water System Improvements Project and to conduct and administer the day-to-day business of the City with the authority of the mayor until such time as the position of mayor is filled by a qualified individual selected by the City Council. Seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed, 4 Yes.
- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **to advertise seeking to fill vacancy of Office of Mayor. This appointment will run until the term expires on June 30th, 2026.** Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve to advertise seeking to fill the vacancy of Office of Mayor. This appointment will run until the term expires on June 30th, 2026. Seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 4 YES.
- c) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **of Bid Recommendation for the Cameron Phase III Water System Improvements.** Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the Bid Recommendation for the Cameron Phase III Water System Improvements. Seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 4 Yes.

- d) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMEORN, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE. The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective no sooner than 45 days following the adoption date (TBD) unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$4,265.00 annually in addition revenue, an increase of 8%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be charged as follows:**

	<u>(\$)</u> INCREASE	INCREASE <u>(\$)</u>
<u>Residential</u>	\$ 3.52	8%
<u>Commercial</u>	\$ 7.97	8%
<u>Industrial</u>	\$ NA	NA
<u>Resale</u>	\$ NA	NA
<u>Other</u>	\$ 8.62	8%

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Seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 4 YES.

- e) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **of accepting quote from Deluxe Doors in the amount of \$4,600.00 to furnish and install 1 galvanized hollow metal door. To replace the non-working fire escape door located at the front of police station.** Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve accepting the quote from Deluxe Doors in the amount of \$4,600.00 to furnish and install 1 galvanized hollow metal door. To replace the non-working fire escape door located at the front of police station. Seconded by Sarah Burge. Motion passed, 4 YES.
- f) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **to accept bid from DIEHL for a 2024 Ford F350 Service Body 4X4 in the amount of 59,877.05.** Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve to accept bid from DIEHL for a 2024 Ford F350 Service Body 4X4 in the amount of 59,877.05. Seconded by Sherry Johnson. Motion passed, 4 YES.

- g) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **to go into executive session to discuss employee matters.** Councilperson Sherry moved to approve going into executive session to discuss employee matters. Seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 4 YES @ 7:45pm. Sherry Johnson moved to end executive session to discuss employee matters. Seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge at 8:36pm. Motion passed, 4 Yes.
- h) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **to end executive session.** Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to end executive session. Seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge at 8:36pm. Motioned passed, 4 YES
- i) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval **of paying of bills for October 21st, 2024.** Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve the paying of bills for October 21, 2024. Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed, 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS: None

City & Community Reports

- FINANCE REPORT – General Fund \$1,313,292.00, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$806.07, Sewer Fund \$3,405.92. Totals \$1,317,503.99.
First (1) of Month Report

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

Sarah Burge – Need to change the dates on the information going into the paper advertising for Appointment of Mayor.

Joseph Wendt—Asked if there was any word on, if/when the state will be back for more paving.

John “PZ” Winters -- Absent

Stephanie Neely – Asked about putting up new one-way signs on our streets. Plus, updated some.

Sherry Johnson – Nothing.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

New steps at Howard St to High Street, going to find out if they can be repaired or completely new.

Asked everyone make all every attempt to be here for the Nov 4th Council meeting.

Talked about having a “Jingle Run” on the night of the Tree Lighting which is December 6th at Veterans Park at 6pm. Christmas Parade will be December 7th, lineup at 12pm starting at 1pm @ old High School.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, all in favor.

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk

Stephanie D Neely, Asst City Clerk