

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, January 20, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session January 20, 2021, from the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Greg Galentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, Chief Dougherty, and City Attorney Christian Turak
Sherry Johnson – Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Kenny Richmond

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve the minutes as presented on January 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of awarding the bid of City of Cameron's Wastewater Plant. Thrasher has recommended to award bid to Mason Dixon Energy Services, LLC. Cameron Sanitary Board gives their recommendation to council to also award the bid of Cameron's Wastewater Plant to Mason Dixon Energy Services, LLC. Board member Larry Hartley sustained himself from the vote. Councilperson Sarah Burge, moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from last council meeting January 04, 2021. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park –
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of tabled items from last council meeting. Regarding 911 address updates for 3 Clearview Avenue (FECAT), and 9 Highland Avenue. 3 Clearview Avenue to be changed to 11 Jeannie Lane / 9 Highland Avenue changed to 2 Jeannie Lane. Councilperson Joseph Wendt, moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

- 3) Randy from Thrasher attended council meeting to announce which company was being rewarded the Bid for The City of Cameron's Wastewater project. Council was also able to ask questions regarding construction and time frame of updates. City of Cameron is due for an inspection from DEP in June of 2021. Council worried about getting violations on items that were in violation at last inspection. Randy suggested to contact our inspector and make arrangements to communicate with him monthly to give updates on work completed or in progress.
- 4) Mayor and Randy from Thrasher also explained to council that The City of Cameron with assistance from A. C. Wieth with Belomar, and Thrasher are looking into funding for a PHASE II for the Wastewater Plant.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$429,962.56 Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$45,943.50, and Sewer Fund 8,080.60 total \$483,986.66.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

None

Joseph Wendt

None

Kenny Richmond

Requesting for City Crew to access Summit Avenue. Condition of road is not good. There possibly is a water leak at this location. Residents are moving in an elder relation into their home. Which is located on Summit Avenue. Road needs fixed so emergency vehicles can access property.

Terri Galentine

Questioning police schedule when / if schools stay in session. Residents worried about Water truck traffic going to fast thru town. Students walking to school safety is a concern.

Would like to Thank Chief Dougherty for everything he is implementing within the police station. Their presence is helping.

PZ WINTERS

THUMBS UP to Chief Dougherty!

Had questions about updating ordinance for Dilapidated homes. Mayor explained he had information to go over under Mayor comments about

Sherry Johnson

ABSENT

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

- 1) Bid for City of Cameron will be awarded to Mason Dixon Energy Services, LLC, on February 2, 2021 at the Benedum community Building at 10:00 A.M.
- 2) Cares Act Funds finished up the month of December 2020. We were contacted by the State to continue applying for the funds per month. In case of another phase added to the Cares Act by congress.
- 3) Special meeting on Monday January 25, 2021 VIA PHONE CONFERENCE at 7:00 P.M. In regard to application for funds to remove Dilapidated Homes. Application is due by end of January. There have been 5 Homes placed on list to remove if approved for funds. This is a process. We should know if we are approved by Fall of 2021.

4) The City has applied for Cares Act Funds for the months of:

• March 2020 –	Total received \$7,206.94	
• April 2020 -	Total received \$8,085.29	
• May 2020 -	Total received \$3,169.21	
• June 2020 -	Total received \$3,498.16	
• July 2020 -	Total received \$11,013.90	
• August 2020 -	Total received \$9,988.97	
• September 2020 -	Total received \$10,659.00	
• October 2020 -	Total received \$10,587.87	
• November 2020 -	Total received \$9,052.00	
• December 2020 -	Total received \$14,256.60	Total for all months: \$87,517.94

- 5) Mayor asked council to consider hiring another full-time police officer.
- 6) Property on Gable Avenue owned by Hunt. We have no good contact for her. We have tried numerous phone numbers with no success. Chief Dougherty assisting in locating Dorothy Hunt. Mayor has spoke with Q & M to get a quote for taking the unsafe structure down. Q & M has quoted \$5,000.00 to complete.
- 7) Council was given two different ordinances to review. Going to add Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval adopting new ordinance concerning uninhabitable structures to next Agenda.
- 8) Dump Truck has new plow on.
- 9) Reservoir is coming back up nicely. Almost where it needs to be.
- 10) Update on progress with Sharon Roupe's property located on Main Street. Plan is to place another layer of block on side toward 160 Main Street. Put a new metal roof on. No time frame given for completion. Mayor explained water draining from roof cannot be routed into sewer lines.
- 11) City of Cameron Wastewater Board is requesting to hire an (OIT), Operator in Training. The State was contacted to inquire if this was possible and to obtain information on the steps to follow. Our first step is to write a letter to the State on our letterhead. With a description of what we are asking for, why we are asking, and include current Sewer Plant Operators documentation. Also needed is information (application) from individual who would be applying for position. When State receives the letter. It will be reviewed, and they will contact us to if approved or not approved. Will go from what response we obtain from Charleston.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed vote of 5 YES

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk