

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, February 01, 2021.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session February 01, 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.
Sherry Johnson – Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Terri Galentine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve the minutes as presented on January 20, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion only about implementing an amended ordinance for uninhabitable structures requiring the maintenance of property and prohibiting the accumulation of Junk, Garbage, Refuse, Rubbish, Debris, or the dilapidation of property, whether real or personal. Within the city limits of the City of Cameron. To include additional penalties if NON-COMPLIANCE. Councilperson Sarah Burge, moved to table Discussion to verify the wording after speaking with City Attorney, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of compiling a list of City Streets council would like to change speed limits and / yield signs. No changes on Green Valley, Dragon Highway, or Railroad Street. After compiling the list next step is for Chief Dougherty to send request to Charleston for their Approval / or Disapproval. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve that all City and State Streets within City Limits except for Green Valley, Dragon Highway, and Railroad Street be reduced to 15 MPH, seconded by PZ Winters. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of hiring a third full time police officer for The City of Cameron. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve advertising to hiring a third police officer for the City of Cameron, seconded by councilperson PZ Winters. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.

- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of \$1.00 pay raise for Officer Bromelow. Officer Bromelow completed his 6-month probation on 01-06-2021. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve \$1.00 Pay raise for Officer Bromelow back dated to 01-06-2021 when officer completed his 6-month probation, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of \$1.00 pay raise for City Clerk, Nichole Bryan. Nichole Bryan completed her 6-month probation on 01-14-2021. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve \$1.00 pay raise for City Clerk, Nichole Bryan, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from last council meeting January 20, 2021. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve paying bills as presented, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote 5 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – NONE
- 2) Moving forward with 19 Gable Avenue Cameron, WV 26033. Chief of Police, Michael Dougherty inspected the premises and deemed a public nuisance pursuant to the City of Cameron’s Uninhabited Structures ordinance, enacted on May 17, 2010. Notice of Public Nuisance letter, mayor’s Declaration of Public Nuisance, and Chief of Police inspection with pictures included. This packet was mailed to property owner USPS Certified, with return receipt requested on February 2, 2021. Running ad In Moundsville Echo on February 4, 2021.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$436,498.49, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$43,142.15, and Sewer Fund \$3,598.02 total \$483,238.66.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

FIRST (1ST) OF MONTH REPORTS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) POLICE:
See attached report 2) VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:
See attached report 3) STREETS/ ALLEYS / LIGHTING:
See attached report 6) CAMERON POOL: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) WATER OPERATIONS:
See attached report 5) SEWER OPERATIONS:
See attached report |
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Closed for the season. Going to be posting on Facebook page information for individuals interested in becoming a Lifeguard. Application will need filled out. Which can be picked up at The City Building. Lifeguard class/training will also need completed prior to season.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- 1) Thank you to Chief of Police, Michael Dougherty for all the work he has put into The City of Cameron's Police Department. The New Police cruiser that he got donated is nice and needed. Chief Dougherty also went as far as getting many items donated which were used to upgrade the new cruiser safety features.
16 North Avenue residence is in hard shape. Wanted to know if it is on the list of inhabitable structures?
When weather allows ask if guys can get cold patch and fill in large pothole at the bottom of North Avenue.
Thank you to the City Crew for doing such a great job keeping up with snow and ice on our streets.
Operator in Training for Wastewater Plant information / update. City is gathering information to bring to council for review. Hopefully will have together by next council meeting.

Joseph Wendt

- 2) Silver mini van parked on Crawford Avenue has not moved in over 3 weeks. Asked Chief Dougherty if he could check on plates and inspection.
9 Upton Avenue has picked up all garbage that was strung around home / garage / yard. Trailer has been moved out of yard also.
Joseph used to work in construction / inspecting building structures. He went down on his personal time to look over the garage / walls / building located on Main Street owned by Sharon Roupe. In his personal and professional background Joseph states the structure is unsafe. He also stated the new roof and garage door that the owner has mentioned putting on this structure will not work. He suggests if owner would tear everything down and build from the beginning would be the safest route in this situation.

Kenny Richmond

- 3) None

Terri Galentine

- 4) Questioning when the city crew would be able to obtain cold patch. Residents are asking for potholes to be filled.

PZ WINTERS

- 5) Thank you to Aaron for supplying the Monthly Operator Report.
Do the cameras at the Water Plant work?
Would like to request for a report from the Wastewater Operator also be added to monthly report given to council.
Questioned Chief Dougherty if new State ATV rules are enforced in City Limits? Do the new rules apply to side by side only / or include four wheelers?
Are inspection and dead plates being processed? Chief Dougherty stated yes, they are.
Changes may be coming soon with the State making inspections not necessary. Will keep council updated on that.

Sherry Johnson

- 6) ABSENT

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Doors at the Water Plant have been installed.
- 2) Bid Award will be accepted by Mason Dixon Energy Services Inc. at 10:00 A.M. on February 02, 2021.
- 3) Phase III Wastewater will be applied for soon. Thrasher verified our current rates are fine. No increase needed to apply for funds.
- 4) The City has applied for Cares Act Funds for the months of:
January 2021 – Will wait to see if additional Cares Act Funds come available or not.
- 5) City received a check in the amount of \$600.00 from Tucker Conely. Mr. Conely is requesting for funds to be applied to a sidewalk fund. Mr. Conely has also posted on social media to his peers and Cameron residents to challenge them to also donate to this cause.
- 6) Reservoir is coming back up nicely. Almost where it needs to be.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, seconded by Councilperson Kenny Richmond. Motion passed vote of 5 YES

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk