

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, February 5th, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on February 5th, 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, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson
Councilperson Stephanie Neely, Absent
Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent
City Attorney Jason Pockl, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Sarah Burge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve the Minutes for January 17th, and Special Meeting January 29th, 2023, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 2 YES, abstained by 2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) Casey with Thrasher Group spoke with the council about updates on future projects. Phase II Sewer Project has been submitted to WVDEP for approval of permit(s). WVDEP had a few questions for Thrasher Group. After answers are submitted should be close to getting approval for permit(s) for the upcoming Phase II Sewer Project. The city of Cameron has a new city solicitor who can take care of easements for project. Nichole will forward Jason Pockl information over to Casey.
Phase III Water Project submitted. The Council meets on March 5th to vote on approval of the project submitted. Rule 42 has been completed and a workshop with our council will be scheduled soon for the accountant to explain.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of the City of Cameron donating \$2,500.00 to the CVFD for the annual 4th of July celebration. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve donating \$2,500.00 to the CVFD for the annual 4th of July celebration, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Phase III Water System Improvement Engineering Agreement. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Phase III Water System Improvement Engineering Agreement, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of giving Contracted Water Operator Aaron Foster a pay increase of \$400.00 per pay. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve giving Contacted Water Operator Aaron Foster a pay increase of \$400.00 per pay, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving invoices relating to demolition and other services for the proposed City of Cameron Demolition project and authorizing payment to Bel-O-Mar in the amount of \$3,640.82. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving invoices relating to demolition and other services for the proposed City of Cameron Demolition project and authorizing payment to Bel-O-Mar in the amount of \$3,640.82, seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON FIXING THE ASSESSEMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF RAZING DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SETIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON FIXING THE ASSESSEMENTS FOR THE COSTS OF RAZING DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SETIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of publication of legal ad in Moundsville Echo accepting written bids for mowing properties owned by the City of Cameron. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters approved publication of a legal ad in Moundsville Echo accepting written bids for mowing properties owned by the City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passes 4 YES.
- 7) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for January 17th, 2024 and February 5th, 2024. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve paying bills for January 17th, 2024, and February 5th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to bring back to table Mayor H. Greg Galentine, City Clerk Nichole M. Bryan, and Assistant City Clerk Stephanie Neely to sign (MOR) entered into by and between The Marshall County Commission and The City of Cameron Municipality, referred to jointly as the “Parties” which sets forth the intergovernmental agreement for the County to administer the Municipality’s regularly scheduled elections concurrently with the statewide primary or general elections as set forth in Chapter 3 of the WV Code, or both as agreed in the MOU, as authorized by WV Code 3-1-31 and 8-5-5. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to bring back to table discussion, seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine, City Clerk Nichole M. Bryan, and Assistant City Clerk Stephanie Neely to sign (MOR) entered into by and between The Marshall County Commission and The City of Cameron Municipality, referred to jointly as the “Parties” which sets forth the intergovernmental agreement for the County to administer the Municipality’s regularly scheduled elections concurrently with the statewide primary or general elections as set forth in Chapter 3 of the WV Code, or both as agreed in the MOU, as authorized

by WV Code 3-1-31 and 8-5-5. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$799,048.89, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$32,522.86, Sewer Fund \$3,148.25. Totals \$834,720.00.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

- a) Sarah Burge – NA
- b) Joseph Wendt – Roupe Property on Main Street.
Look into what and who is tearing down trailer (Author Timmons-Loundenville Rd)
- c) Stephanie Neely – Absent
- d) Terri Galentine – Absent
- e) John "PZ" Winters – Thank you for Property Maintenance Report
Progress on new police cruiser.
- f) Sherry Johnson – Who applied for council ward(s), mayor?
What properties are listed on the Phase II CDBG Grant Project?
Thank you, City Crew guys, for helping me with issues at my house.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- 1) **City Crew will be patching our streets this week. Taking advantage of the warmer weather.**
- 2) **Property owners of 52 Waynesburg Pike Rd are still working on renewing their LLC. After this is accomplished the sale of the property to the City of Cameron can be finalized.**
- 3) **Water Plant Phase III has been submitted. Rule 42 has been completed by Lowes Associates. Jared from Lowes Associates will be invited to the next council meeting to explain Rule 42 to council. Looking at a possible 20 % increase to our water rate. The city has not had an increase in water rate since 2017. Mayor spoke with the council about the aging water plant. Have they ever thought about doing away with water plant and purchasing water from PSD? Lots of things to consider with either route that is decided on. The mayor asked the council to investigate the options discussed.**
- 4) **Mayor will be contacting Steve with Thrasher about starting Phase II of the sidewalk project.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk