

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, SPECIAL SESSION, FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Special Session February 8, 2016, in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Councilperson Wayne Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Tom Hart, Ron Walker, Jack Hart, Sr., Wayne Simmons, Helen McMasters and Mary Leichter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Jack Hart, Sr.

Scheduled on Agenda:

- a) Wayne Simmons stated that there was one Councilperson and one resident that turned in a letter of interest for the position of Appointed Mayor for unexpired term. Wayne accepted votes from 5 council members for Councilperson Mary Leichter, 3 nos' and 2 yes. Wayne accepted votes from 5 council members for resident K. Scott Chaplin, 5 yes. K. Scott Chaplin was sworn in as Appointed to office of Mayor for Unexpired Term.
- b) Jack Hart, Sr. made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ron Walker. Went into Executive Session at 7:15, ended at 7:30.
- c) Discussion of Bulk Water being sold, Jack Hart, Sr. stated that when they met with Tim Flint that it would be low cost to get started on selling bulk water. The best place as of right now would be the hydrant at the end of the Event Center parking lot. Jack Hart, Sr. made a motion to sell Bulk Water, seconded by Ron Walker. Motion carried with a 5 to 1 vote.
- d) Tom Hart made a motion to accept the 1st reading of the Pay Decrease for Council and Mayor, seconded by Ron Walker. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote.

FINANCE REPORT: Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$80,195.78, Water Fund (\$35,326.09), and Sewer Fund \$23,237.32, total \$68,107.01.

POLICE REPORT: none

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Everything is running good.

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING: Good

WATER/SEWER: Both plants are running smoothly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve minutes from the February 1, 2016, with the added corrections was made by Ron Walker, seconded by Tom Hart. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Hart asked the citizens if they would like to have a Town Hall meeting regarding the Event Center. They stated yes, they would like to have a Town Hall meeting on February 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Event Center cafeteria.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sarah Burge was signed up for public comments: She wanted to know why nothing gets resolved, she hopes that changes. Was questioning about the selling of bulk water with the statement that city clerk Debbie Hall read at last council meeting from David Hook. Tom Hart stated that Murray didn't want to do anything else since it is past the 45 days. Wayne Simmons stated that with selling of the bulk water that they don't do contracts, so if water level is low we can halt the sale of bulk water at any time. Sarah Burge also stated that the pool has fund raisers and donations to help cover the expenses for up there.

Mike Fullerton was signed up for public comments: Wanted to know what the city pays a month for our legal council that is not present at our meetings. Wayne Simmons stated that we pay \$4,800.00 a year for legal counsel. Wayne also said that in the past we have had other lawyers that did not attend the meetings. Mike Fullerton thought that there should be an attendance requirement for legal counsel or at least show up once a month for our meetings.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:

a.) **Ron Walker** – Everything is good we are starting to see pot holes but that comes with weather.

INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Tom Hart – None

Helen McMasters – None

Mary Leichter – West Howard Street got gravel put on it, Thank you.

Ron Walker – Glad to see people are coming to council meetings and would like to welcome Scott Chaplin.

Wayne Simmons – Congrats to Scott

Jack Hart, Sr. – 250 by my house is giving way, have spoken with State regarding this

ADJOURNMENT: Jack Hart, Sr. made a motion at 7:55 pm to adjourn the meeting, Tom Hart seconded. Motion carried.

Debbie Hall, City Clerk

K. Scott Chaplin, Appointed Mayor