

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 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, Terri Galentine, John "PZ" Winters, Sherry Johnson, and City Attorney Christian Turak.

Police Chief Mike Dougherty, absent.

Councilperson Kenny Richmond, absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson John "PZ" Winters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented, with the correction of the phone number listed should be 2213 not 2311 under Mayor comments, February 7th, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilperson Terry Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Laura Wakim Chapman candidate for West Virginia State Senate District 1 in the May Elections. Spoke at council meeting and took questions from Council members and the public. Important topics were discussed from Infrastructure, schools, drug issues, internet, and the major issues within the State of WV DHHR and CPS. Programs are lacking and the children are suffering.
- 2) Charles Sheedy Sr Republican Candidate District 7 Delegate is running for office in the May Elections. Mr. Sheedy spoke at council meeting and took questions from Council members and the public. Important topics were discussed from Education, Drug issues, DOH needs rebuilding from top to bottom, and the travel distance for residents to get to voting sites.
- 3) Resident of the City of Cameron Joy Anderson came to discuss the water issues in the City owned parking lot. Located behind the First Christian Church. Many church members park at this location and enter the Church from the entrance on bottom level of Church. Water is not draining properly which in turn with the cold weather makes entering the Church difficult. The City was aware of the issue and the City Crew has been working on trying to fix the issues. Joy Anderson also wanted to verify if it was her responsibility to maintain and or fix sidewalk in front of her residence. The mayor confirmed it was her responsibility. Joy Anderson asked council if they knew of anyone who could complete that line of work to let her know.
- 4) Resident of the City of Cameron Jennifer Thompson asked Council members if the softball association was allowed to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreational Park. She had heard no other organization was holding one. If confirmed no other organization is holding an Easter Egg Hunt she asked for permission. Mayor asked Jennifer to speak with the Baptist Church and the VFD to confirm with them. If neither were holding an Easter Egg Hunt councilpersons and Mayor have no issue with the

softball association holding one. Explained to Jennifer she would also need to reach out to Mr. Larry Hartley who takes care of scheduling at the Recreational Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of PA Yeater Contracting to remove and replace a window that was broken at the water plant. Quote given for labor and materials to complete the job is \$625.00. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve PA Yeater Contracting to remove and replace a window that was broken at the water plant costing \$625.00, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of PA Yeater Contracting to remove and replace 3 windows located in basement of the water plant. Quote also includes trimming in the windows and finishing up with siding. Quote given for labor and materials to complete the job is \$2,080.00. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve PA Yeater Contracting to remove and replace 3 windows located in basement of the water plant. Quote also includes trimming in the windows and finishing up with siding, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of donation from city to VFD in the amount of \$2,500.00 for July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve donation from city to VFD in the amount of \$2,500.00 for July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote of 5 YES.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve paying bills as presented, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motioned carried, vote 5 YES.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – NONE

**City & Community Reports**

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** read by Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$789,655.60, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$42,903.85, and Sewer Fund \$35,933.29 total \$868,492.74.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

**Sarah Burge:**

- Pool Committee will be selling Joe Corbi’s Pizza from now until March 15, 2022, as a fundraiser for The Cameron Pool. Order forms are located at the City Building or track down one of your favorite pool committee members.
- The second fundraiser for The Cameron Pool will be tickets for a gun raffle. Should have tickets by mid next week. Follow same routine to obtain tickets as listed above. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Joseph Wendt:**

- None

**Kenny Richmond:**

- Absent

**Terri Galentine**

- Thank you to everyone involved with the applications submitted and approved for the two most recent grants The City of Cameron has recently received.

**John “PZ” WINTERS**

- Sewer Project time frame update. Mayor stated work to start at the Sewer Plant next week. Starting to move in the correct direction to obtain completion.
- Questioned the parking on sidewalks along Main Street.
- Main Street looks much better.
- Would like to thank all officers that are working to help our community.

**Sherry Johnson**

- Questioned steps outside her house. Are they her responsibility or is that area considered a city right away? Mayor confirmed it is a city right away.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS:**

- **Update on Dilapidated Homes Grant Project consisting of a list of 5 properties. There is paperwork that needs to be filled out for each property. The city has successfully completed two of the five. After all paperwork is completed for all properties. Paperwork can then be turned in for processing.**
- **City of Cameron was awarded \$187,000.00 Grant (80% - 20%) for sidewalks located in the downtown area. Grant pays 80% of total and the city pays 20%.**
- **City of Cameron received approval from the WV State Fire Marshall for a 2-year provisional code enforcer.**
- **Past resident of the City of Cameron Virginia West signed paperwork allowing the City of Cameron to tear down, clean all garbage, remove everything from the following addresses. 57 High Street, 59 High Street, and 61 High Street. This work will be completed and paid by the City of Cameron.**
- **PLEASE if you see anything that doesn’t seem right. Please pick up the phone and report it. CALL 304-686-2213 7 days a week 24 hours a day.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

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H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk