

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, March 15, 2021.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session March 15, 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, Sherry Johnson, Chief Dougherty, and City Attorney Christian Turak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by PZ Winters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve the minutes as presented on March 01, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES. Sarah Burge abstained from vote due to being absent from March 1, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a) Mr. Ron Walker wanted to make City Council of Cameron aware of an inspection of the I.S.O within the next month. Requesting for information concerning upgrades be collected and ready for when inspector drops in. Mr. Ron Walker also requests for the fire hydrant located at the end of Main Street and State Street be replaced. It was damaged by a vehicle a while ago. Also, would like to request for the fire hydrant on 250 North by BBQ place be replaced also. Questioned the boiler working properly. The mayor explained it is working properly. That between himself and the police department they turn boiler on and off as necessary. The mayor also requested for Mr. Ron Walker to ask individuals who are last to leave from VFD to verify all windows are shut prior to leaving the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of starting the demolition of the premises located at 19 Gable Avenue Cameron, WV 26033. The premise located at 19 Gable Avenue Cameron, WV has been declared a public nuisance by the Mayor of the City of Cameron, West Virginia pursuant to the City of Cameron's Uninhabited Structures ordinance, enacted on May 17, 2010. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve starting the demolition of the premises located at 19 Gable Avenue Cameron, WV 26033, seconded by Kenny Richmond. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of accepting the quote for demolition of 19 Gable Avenue Cameron, WV 26033. Quote given by Q & M Construction of \$5,000.00. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve quote for demolition given by Q & M Construction in the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Kenny Richmond. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

- c) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of adopting **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA TO ENACT ARTICLE 1, CHAPER § 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA RELATING TO NUISANCES.** Councilperson Kenny Richmond moved to approve the first reading of adopting **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA TO ENACT ARTICLE 1, CHAPER § 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA RELATING TO NUISANCES, Seconded** by PZ Winters. Motioned carried, vote 4 YES, Vote 2 NO.

- d) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of first reading of **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA TO REPEAL (I) THE UNCODIFIED ORDINACE ENTITLES “UNINHABITED STRUCTURES” ENACTED ON MAY 17, 2010; AND (II) ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA RELATING TO NUISANCES § 18 – 1 THRU § 18 – 6.** Councilperson Kenny Richmond moved to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA TO REPEAL (I) THE UNCODIFIED ORDINACE ENTITLES “UNINHABITED STRUCTURES” ENACTED ON MAY 17, 2010; AND (II) ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA RELATING TO NUISANCES § 18 – 1 THRU § 18 – 6,** seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote 5 YES, Vote 1 NO.

- e) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from last council meeting March 01, 2021. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve paying bills as presented, seconded by Kenny Richmond. Motioned carried, vote 6 YES.

- f) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to go into executive session at 7:27 P.M., seconded by Sarah Burge. Motioned carried, vote 6 YES.

- g) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to come out of executive session at 7: 52 P. M., seconded by Sarah Burge. Motioned carried, vote 6 YES.

- h) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of hiring Brittany Carr as third full-time police officer. Starting at \$18.00 an hour with a 6-month probation period. After 6-month probation period increase pay to \$19.00 an hour, eligible for paid sick time, eligible for paid Holidays. Want to offer Health Insurance and Retirement for Full – Time position. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve of hiring Brittany Carr as third full-time police officer. Starting at \$18.00 an hour with a 6-month probation period. After 6-month probation period increase pay to \$19.00 an hour, eligible for paid sick time, eligible for paid Holidays, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Mayor polled councilpersons to vote. Motioned carried, poll vote 6 YES.

- i) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Budget Revision # 2 of the General Fund Budget for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year of the City of Cameron. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to Table Discussion, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Cameron Recreational Park – NONE

- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to Table further discussion regarding status of property located at 166 Main Street Cameron, WV 26033. The 60 – day extension agreed upon lapsed. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve further discussion regarding status of property located at 166 Main Street Cameron, WV 26033 be tabled, seconded by Sarah Burge. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

FINANCE REPORT

- a) Councilperson Sherry Johnson read the Finance Report – General Fund \$218,904.34, Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$71,127.20, and Sewer Fund \$16,507.64 total \$306,539.18.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- a) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- 1) Weather breaking going to start working on cleaning and maintenance of the pool. Anyone wanting to help, the pool committee will start going up on weekends. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Sarah Burge emailed Williams to apply for their community service program. Sarah Burge asked Mr. Ron Walker if the VFD could assist the pool committee with draining the pool again this year? Mr. Ron Walker requested for pool committee to give a few dates that they work with.

Joseph Wendt

- 2) Thank you, police department, for all the work being put in.

Kenny Richmond

- 3) None

Terri Galentine

- 4) None

PZ WINTERS

- 5) Concerned about the number of loose dogs running around. Questioned if The City could purchase “No Dog” signs to be placed around the area. Noticed 4-wheelers using City
- 6) property to gain access to wherever they are going. Questioned what could be done or posted.

Sherry Johnson

- 7) None

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

- 1) Will hold a Workshop to go over Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Councilperson Kenny Richmond. Motion passed vote of 6 YES

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk