

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING, March 18th, 2024.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a regular meeting held on March 18th, 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, Stephanie Neely, John "PZ" Winters.

Councilperson Sherry Johnson, Absent

Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent

City Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present

City Attorney Jason Pockl, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Stephanie Neely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve the Minutes for February 21st, 2024, seconded by Councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 3 YES and 1 Abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) Delegate Mr. Chuck Sheedy spoke with the council concerning upcoming projects within the City of Cameron. Tentative schedule for City and State streets within city limits paving to start after July 4th, 2024. The sink hole located on Bridge Street is in the planning stage within the DOH. Delegate Sheedy is going to check into a few questions the mayor and council had.
 - After street paving is completed will the State DOH still help the city with the cost of cold patch?
 - The walking bridge located on Route 250 S by Anderson Funeral Home is dilapidated and falling into the creek. If the large chunks fall into the creek and we get any large amount of precipitation it will cause flooding issues. Want to see if DOH can fix the issue before that happens.
 - Looking into Flood Training information for City Clerk.
- 2) There is a small **VOLUNTEER** group / committee that works **VERY HARD** each year to keep our Cameron Pool open for our community and others to enjoy. There are **MANY** behind the scenes to make this happen each season. These individuals invest their time, knowledge, and assistance from their family and friends to complete tasks.
 - Mr. Bruce Whipkey came to speak with the council to request assistance to get the word out there that **HELP** is needed from others or possibly for the city to take back over running the pool.
 - City Crew will help with anything needed and Jeff Gardner will be taking the course to allow him to do water testing and treatments for the pool. As of right now there is only Sarah Burge who has attended the training for this part.
 - The pool is already fully staffed for the next season. Great group of young adults working this summer.
 - PPG is donating some chlorine this year to the pool. Which helps with expenses greatly.

- Williams is sending a few individuals again this year to help with maintenance around the pool. This is greatly appreciated!
 - Delegate Mr. Chuck Sheedy is also going to speak with the County Commissioner and others about donation funds to assist the pool maintenance and chemicals.
- 3) Mr. Casey Young with Thrasher Engineering came to the meeting to discuss updates concerning the new Phase II Sewer Project and Phase II Water Project.
- City Clerk worked on obtaining the DOH Permit Bond for Sewer Project. Some language updates needed in permit information submitted to DEP. Which will be completed this week. All Easement requests sent to Guida Law offices for completion.
 - The water project has made it through the 3rd stage with approval. With one stage left to go. The meeting will be held on March 26th, 2024. Thrasher has completed about 70% of the design work for this project. With much of the surveying completed.
 - Both the new projects will be bid out at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of transferring \$5,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund into the new account opened for Water Working Capital Account to be paid out of ARPA funds. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve transferring \$5,000.00 from the Water Operating Fund into the new account opened for Water Working Capital Account with correction added to be paid from water account funds not ARPA funds, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE WATER. CPA Jarad Gillespie from Lowes & Associates called in to discuss Rule 42 that he completed, and the state rules put into place by the PSC for municipalities to open a Water Working Capital Account. After discussion it was decided to add Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE RATES IT CHARGES TO PROVIDE WATER to the April 1st, 2024, Agenda.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of accepting sole bid from TK mowing to mow and weed eat Cameron Cemetery for \$800.00 per mow, and Cameron City Dam at \$800.00 per mow. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve accepting sole bid from TK mowing to mow and weed eat Cameron Cemetery for \$800.00 per mow, and Cameron City Dam at \$800.00 per mow, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 4) Discussion of pay increase for Wastewater Operator Jeff Gardner once certification has been approved by the state. Jeff Gardner received verification from the State of WV and has been Certified. After discussion it was decided to add Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of a \$4.00 pay increase for Wastewater Operator Jeff Gardner to the April 1st, 2024, Agenda.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Budget Resolution of the General Fund Budget for 2024-2025 Calendar year of the City of Cameron. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to

approve Budget Resolution of the General Fund Budget for 2024-2025 Calendar year of the City of Cameron, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 6)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign HP Warranty Annual Extension Quote from Omni Strategic Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$87.20. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters approved Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign HP Warranty Annual Extension Quote from Omni Strategic Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$87.20, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 7)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of accepting quote from PA Yeater Contracting in the amount of \$1,960.00 to mount 3 outdoor LED lights, install a GFI outlet in drying shed and 2 Halogen Style lights, flood light, material, and labor to complete work to be paid out of ARPA funds. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve accepting quote from PA Yeater Contracting in the amount of \$1,960.00 to mount 3 outdoor LED lights, install a GFI outlet in drying shed and 2 Halogen Style lights, flood light, material, and labor to complete work to be paid out of ARPA funds, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 8)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution of the City of Cameron authorizing the signing of an intergovernmental agreement/ contract for administrative services with Bel-O-Mar Regional Council for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution of the City of Cameron authorizing the signing of an intergovernmental agreement/ contract for administrative services with Bel-O-Mar Regional Council for administrative services for Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 9)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution of the City of Cameron authorizing the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant from the State of West Virginia. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Resolution of the City of Cameron authorizing the acceptance of a Community Development Block Grant from the State of West Virginia, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 10)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$180,730.00. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Community Development Block Grant Award in the amount of \$180,730.00, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 11)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign all necessary form(s) concerning City of Cameron CDBG Funded Demolition Project granted to the City in the amount of \$180,730.00. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign all necessary form(s) concerning City of Cameron CDBG Funded Demolition Project granted to the city in the amount of \$180,730.00, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 12)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign commitment letter to the West Virginia Infrastructure Jobs Development Council. This letter serves as the City's commitment of \$50,000.00 to the City of Cameron Water System Improvements Project. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign a commitment letter to the West Virginia Infrastructure Jobs Development Council. This letter serves as the City's commitment of \$50,000.00 to the City of Cameron Water System Improvements Project with correction added to be paid from ARPA funds, seconded by Councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 13)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills for March 4th and March 18th, 2024. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve paying bills for March 4th and March 18th, 2024, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) NA

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$861,126.67, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$43,385.48 Sewer Fund \$19,425.22. Totals \$923,937.37.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

- a) Sarah Burge –
- Would like to add general discussion of Employee Salary. Go over the current pay rate, see the last time they received a raise, and how much it was.
 - The new playground at the ballfield looks really nice.
 - Update on the purchase of Hardware.
 - A lot of positive feedback from residents concerning the First stage of Demolition Project.
 - Volunteers are needed for the Cameron Pool. If interested please contact the City Building, Sarah Burge, or Stephanie Neely.
- b) Joseph Wendt –
- See where the trailer down by the Clinic is being tore down. Was there a permit purchased? Was a time frame given to the city for when work would be completed?
 - Verified work was completed at 166 N. Main Street as promised by owner. Will continue to check on progress.
- c) Stephanie Neely –
- Can city crew look over Howard Street and see if a plan can be put together for the massive amount of water that is coming from Howard Street?
- d) Terri Galentine – Absent
- e) John "PZ" Winters – NA
- f) Sherry Johnson – Absent

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- 1) Working to get ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for opening of the new playground located at the ball fields.**
- 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. A couple more weeks should be ready for closing.**
- 3) Phase II Sewer and Water projects are moving forward.**
- 4) The city will assist the pool committee as much as possible to get this season going.**
- 5) Addition funds available for First phase of demolition project. Three more structures have been added. All necessary paperwork has been turned into the city building by owners. Waiting on title searches to be completed.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Stephanie Neely, Assistant City Clerk