

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, March 21st, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session March 21st, 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, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, John "PZ" Winters, Sherry Johnson.

Police Chief Mike Dougherty, absent.

City Attorney Christian Turak, absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Sarah Burge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve the minutes as presented for February 23rd, 2022, meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Jim Hill and family spoke with council about concerns and fears they had for themselves and other residents in the City of Cameron. They have firsthand dealt with individuals trying to break into their property. Mr. Hill questioned council if the city had the resources to hire another full-time police officer?

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) 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 Sarah Burge moved the approval of PUBLICATION OF LEGAL AD IN MOUNDSVILLE ECHO ACCEPTING WRITTEN BIDS FOR MOWING PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF CAMERON, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval TO PURCHASE HP – 15.6" LAPTOP – INTEL CORE i5 8GB MEMORY – 256GB SSD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$589.99 + SHIPPING FOR CITY OF CAMERON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. IF NOT APPROVED TO BE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM WASTEWATER AND SEWER SEPERATION PROJECT. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the PURCHASE OF HP – 15.6" LAPTOP – INTEL CORE i5 8GB MEMORY – 256GB SSD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$589.99 + SHIPPING FOR CITY OF CAMERON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. IF NOT APPROVED TO BE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM WASTEWATER AND SEWER SEPERATION PROJECT, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of LETTER CONCERNING NO PARKING ON SIDEWALK ON MAIN STREET. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to table discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of LETTER CONCERNING NO PARKING ON SIDEWALK ON

MAIN STREET until next scheduled council meeting on April 4th, 2022, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.

- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of PUBLICATION FOR SIDEWALK GRANT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve PUBLICATION FOR SIDEWALK GRANT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, seconded by councilperson Sarah Burge. Motioned carried, vote of 6 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Bills to be paid from March 7th, 2022 & March 21st, 2022. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve paying bills as presented, seconded by Councilperson Terri Galentine. Motioned carried, vote 5 YES.
- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of ADVERTISING HIRING AN ADDITIONAL FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER THAT IS ALREADY CERTIFIED. STARTING WAGE OF \$22.00 WITH A .50 CENT RAISE AFTER 6-MONTH PROBATION PERIOD REVIEWED. COMPLETE BENEFIT PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES INSURANCE, RETIEMENT, SICK DAYS, VACATION, HOLIDAYS. AND PERSONAL DAYS. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve ADVERTISING HIRING AN ADDITIONAL FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER THAT IS ALREADY CERTIFIED. STARTING WAGE OF \$22.00 WITH A .50 CENT RAISE AFTER 6-MONTH PROBATION PERIOD REVIEWED. COMPLETE BENEFIT PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES INSURANCE, RETIREMENT, SICK DAYS, VACATION, HOLIDAYS, AND PERSONAL DAYS, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – NONE
- 2) Demolition Grant updates as follows. We have received paperwork filled out for 3 of the 5 properties on our list. The other two properties will be removed from Demo list due to not finding owners of properties. Will be added two more properties to the list in place of two removed.

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** read by Councilperson Sarah Burge – General Fund \$663,863.55 Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$45,206.19, and Sewer Fund \$29,318.56 total \$738,388.30.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- Pool Committee in need of volunteers for cleanup days. Dates to be announced.
- Jo Corbis pizza fundraiser is complete. Thank you to all that ordered and supported the pool fundraiser.
- Pool Committee is currently selling gun raffle tickets for a second fundraiser event. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Several potholes showing up around town.

Joseph Wendt:

- Abandoned vehicles that are being tagged for towing are being moved around town into different locations.

Kenny Richmond:

- Pipe came apart on Gable Avenue on hillside below apartments.

Terri Galentine

- Questioned if city crew could put some gravel on High Street.

John "PZ" WINTERS

- High Street has some areas that need gravel or cold patch when available.
- Concerned about the large hole at the bottom of North Avenue.
- How is Water Plant windows coming along?
- Wanted to question Chief Dougherty about progress on property at the end of State Street with garbage.

Sherry Johnson

- Status update concerning the Old BBQ Restaurant. Is building being tore down, etc..

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.**
- **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.

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk

Lisa Warren, Assistant City Clerk