

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, July 17th, 2023.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session July 17th, 2023, from the Benedum Community Building. 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, Terri Galentine, John "PZ" Winters, and Sherry Johnson.

Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present

City Attorney Christian Turak, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Joseph Wendt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented for July 5th, 2023, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Mary Leichter spoke with council requesting council to reconsider the approved vote to tear down the stage located at the Recreation Park and Rescind their vote. Mary printed out a pamphlet "Don't let the Music Die", which listed concerns and ideas to keep the stage. After discussion the council stayed with the original vote to allow the stage to be tore down.
- 2) Bruce Whipkey spoke with the council in regards of requesting \$10,000.00 from the city to assist with increasing expenditure.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Galentine signing Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to table until August 7th, 2023, council meeting, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of the City of Cameron to donate \$5,000.00 to the Cameron Pool to assist with increasing expenditures. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the City of Cameron donating \$5,000.00 to the Cameron Pool to assist with increasing expenditures, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of City of Cameron Purchasing Property located at 4 Adaline Avenue. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve going forward with purchasing property located at 4 Adaline Avenue, seconded by councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion passed 6 YES.

- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of 1st reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA TO ENACT ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 35, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, WEST VIRGINIA RELATING TO GENERALLY REGULATING THE USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF CAMERON". Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve 1st reading, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of giving Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk a \$1.50 an hour raise. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve giving Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk a \$1.50 an hour raise, seconded by Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 6) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to go into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss Personnel Matters, seconded by John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 7) Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to exit executive session at 8:06 PM, seconded by councilperson Terri Galentine. Motion passed 6 YES.
- 8) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills from July 17th, 2023. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 6 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to bring back to the table Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing resolution approving invoices relating to construction and other services for the proposed critical needs Green Valley Water Extension Project and authorizing payment as follows:

Pro Contracting	\$273,807.48	
The Thrasher Group	\$24,791.88	
Bel-O-Mar Reginal Council	\$9,385.55	TOTAL - \$271,984.91, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 6 YES.
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 Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to table Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving invoices relating to construction and other services for the proposed critical needs Green Valley Water Extension Project due to incorrect total of invoices given from Bel-O-Mar Reginal Council, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 6 YES.

City & Community Reports

- 1) FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$645,768.98, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$57,641.21, Sewer Fund \$29,318.15. Totaling \$732,728.34.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

- Sarah Burge:** Can city crew remove some more of the larger rocks in driveway at pool. Sewer line repair along pool driveway, will it be filled in and grass planted?
- Joseph Wendt:** Property Maintenance Court went very well on Thursday evening. Councilperson Sherry Johnson was in attendance, other council members should attend this monthly meeting.
- Stephanie Neely:** Thank you to everyone who volunteers at the pool. It is beautiful. Have city crew look at ditches and storm drains on top of Howard Street.
- Terri Galentine** Can anything be done about the benches located out front of the city building.
- John "PZ" WINTERS** Doty Salvage still coming to demo the house on High Street? Status of starting sidewalk / retaining wall project on North Avenue?
- Sherry Johnson** When is the State going to give the City the funds to complete our first Demolition Project.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENT

Chief Allman would like to extend Thank you to our CVFD Chief Simms for his assistance with a resident last Thursday evening. Municipal Court and Property Maintenance Court were scheduled on Thursday evening and one of our residents' ways of transportation would not start. There was still a line of residents who were still waiting their turn. Chief Allman contacted Chief Simms to ask if he would be able to assist in getting the resident and transportation back to the residence. Chief Simms dropped whatever he was doing and did just that. Thank you, Chief Simms, for your selfless act of kindness.

Looking at purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department. Would like to approach council with employee retention and the possibility of take-home cruiser for Chief Allman and full-time officer Chad Young. That would leave one cruiser here for all part time officers.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk

