

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, September 21, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session September 21, 2020, 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, Joe Wendt, Kenny Richmond, PZ Winters. Sherry Johnson and Terri Galentine: Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Sarah Burge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve the minutes as presented for September 9, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Trick or Treat, Date, and Time.
 - Health Department called the Mayor the afternoon of September 21, 2020. To request the Mayor to connect to a conference call concerning requirements to be followed. Council decided to table discussion and approval of Trick or Treat until the next council meeting on October 5, 2020. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.
- 2) Discussion and Approval of council minutes being added to the City of Cameron website. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.
- 3) Discussion and Approval of bills to be paid from last council meeting of September 9, 2020. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion of Approval of paying for amount of quote from BearCom. Quote is for items needed to be completed to police vehicle that was donated to The City of Cameron from Chevron. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.
- 2) Cameron Recreational Park – nothing

- 3) Discussion of amending nuisance ordinance time frame for completion by residents. Spoke with Council about changing the 30–day timeframe to 10 business days for initial Letter. No more warnings. Raise penalties: 1st offense after first letter. No less than \$150-no more than \$500. 2nd offense no less than \$250- &750. 3rd offense no less than \$500 no more than \$1000.00. Nonpayment will result in suspension of license. Waiting to hear back from City Attorney for more information.
- 4) Discussion of changing garbage services for City Residents and Business’s. Discussed information obtained from a meeting with possible new Garbage company. Went over information that we requested City Attorney to investigate. Council is open to going forward with obtaining more information about possible change. Will obtain that information to share at next council meeting. Tabled discussion until October 5, 2020 meeting. Confirmed the City Attorney is reaching out to the Garbage companies attorney. Hope to have more information to go over on October 5, 2020 meeting.
- 5) Mayor went over information regarding the old broken down home located in lot by creek. Still waiting on Fire Marshall to contact the mayor about possibly using the building as a test burn.
- 6) Discussion and Approval for the Mayor to sign invoices for the **SECOND** Draw from the Community Development Block Grant for sewer project. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 4 yes.
- 7) Mayor shared with council about a conference call he had about PHASE III of water project. Applying for a Community Block Grant. Interested in new water lines on Gable, Hillcrest, West, Highland, and North Dragon Hwy. Possibly 2 new tanks. New lines from Plant to Tower. Possible Public Hearing (Informational) to be scheduled. If scheduled it will be posted at City Building and in the local paper.
- 8) Dump Truck almost ready for delivery. The snowplow package is going to be included in the financing.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$303,258.99, Water Fund \$43,639.96, and Sewer Fund \$3,311.46 total \$350,210.41.

CAMERON POOL:

- 1) Closed for the season.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge

- 1) Thank you, City Crew for hanging gold flags for Childhood Cancer Month around town. Thank you for all the hard work on patching the City streets. Thank you to Chief Dougherty for working on and getting the donation of vehicle for police department donated from Chevron.

Joseph Wendt

- 1) Nothing

Kenny Richmond

- 1) Has spoken with many residents about possible new garbage company. Most have good things to say. One issue some residents might not like is the \$2.00 rate for a can and the garbage bill being added to our current billing the City uses for water and sewer. Some residents concerned about their budget. Kenny questioned if bill could be done separately? City Clerk reached out to Accufund to ask about separate billing. They can do it but would be ridiculous to do so. The cost for separate billing is the concern for Council and Mayor.

Terri Galentine

- 1) Absent

PZ WINTERS

- 1) Great job City Crew!
- 2) Need to contact Bledsoe Energy about all the garbage strung on ground and around garbage container at 9 North Avenue.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Absent

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Announced Dumpster Day is on October 17, 2020.
- 2) Last week Mayor had a conference call with Thrasher regarding Phase III water line extension. Another conference call will be held this Friday. Hope to have more information for next Council meeting to share. Mayor would like to see the City get another water tank. To give us a total of 2 water tanks. Depending what is found out about Grants / Loans for Phase III. More discussion at next council meeting.
- 3) Mayor went over fire hydrant issue with council members. DOH was completing mowing in and around a location of a fire hydrant. A few days after the mowing was completed it was brought to the City's attention that something had hit and broke Fire Hydrant. Contacted DOH questioning if mower had accidently hit hydrant? We were told no it had not. The day after the City had a large water break at the location the fire hydrant was struck. Had to remove entire Fire hydrant fix broken line. Contacted DOH to send quote for repairs. We were told to contact small claims court. This is still being investigated. Will update council as information is obtained.
- 4) Hach and Aaron Foster will be installing new instruments that were purchased for water plant on September 22, 2020. Will update council when completed.
- 5) Lisa presented something new for council review. Lisa will be compiling a list of resident mowing and Garbage Nuisance letters that have been sent out. This will keep us all update with what is being completed and time frames.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion passed vote of 4 yes.

Nichole Bryan, City Clerk

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor