

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, October 2nd, 2023.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session October 2nd, 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, John "PZ" Winters, and Sherry Johnson.

Councilperson Terri Galentine
Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present
City Attorney Christian Turak, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by councilperson Stephanie Neely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented for September 18th, 2023, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Steve Haynes with Thrasher spoke to the council about other upcoming projects.
 - Green Valley Water Extension Project is completed. The final pay request will be on the council's next agenda for approval.
 - Water OIT Jeff Gardner is still working on getting programing and DO Probe fixed at sewer plant, which was included in the Phase II Wastewater Project.
 - The new Sewer project plans are moving forward. In the next 30 days will be moving on permits and obtaining signatures for a few easements that will be needed.
 - Working with accountant on finishing Rule 42 to move forward with application for water project. Looking at possible preliminary Engineering Project Plan by the end of this month.
- 2) Vernica Lehew spoke to the council regarding the demolition of the stage located at the Cameron Recreation Park. Shared her concerns and concern of other parents about the safety and the non-use of the stage for many years.
- 3) Mary Leichter spoke to the council regarding the demolition of the stage located at the Cameron Recreation Park. Mary conducted a survey on Facebook to gather opinions of others about the stage being demolished. Mary also received signatures on a petition to save the stage from demolition.

- 4) Chris Hartley spoke to the council regarding the demolition of the stage located at the Cameron Recreation Park. Chris emphasized the robust youth sports program Cameron has built. Continues to grow each year. The baseball organization has worked very hard on fundraising over the last couple of years to be able to install batting cages that will be utilized by not only our community, but all organizations that travel to our Recreation Park. With in the last 3 years there has not been one concert held on the stage. Chris also gave a breakdown of the sports programs that utilize the Cameron Recreation Park; currently several youth baseball/softball organizations, High School Baseball, High School Softball equaling around 170 + players. These teams all host multiple games which brings many teams from outside the community.
- 5) Mr. Dave Evans wanted to thank the city crew for their work on removing the willow tree root from the lateral of the storm sewer line located coming off High Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign City of Cameron Flood Control Operation, Maintenance Funding Agreement. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign the City of Cameron Flood Control Operation, Maintenance Funding Agreement, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 5 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval city council reconsidering rescinding vote of demolition of stage at Cameron Recreation Park. Initial vote stays in effect to demolition stage at Cameron Recreation Park due to lack of a motion to rescind.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of giving Operator in Training at Wastewater Plant Jeff Gardner a \$1.00 an hour raise. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve giving Operator in Training at Wastewater Plant Jeff Gardner a \$1.00 an hour raise, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 4 YES, 1 ABSTAIN.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving proposed agreement for the Cameron Sidewalk Repair Transportation Alternatives (TA) project (State Project: U326-CAM/ER-1. 00). Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign resolution approving proposed agreement for the Cameron Sidewalk Repair Transportation Alternatives (TA) project (State Project: U326-CAM/ER-1. 00), seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 5 YES.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills from October 2nd, 2023. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve paying bills from October 2nd, 2023, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 5 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to bring back to the table Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to bring back to the table Mayor H. Greg Galentine signing Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease, seconded by councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed 5 YES.

- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval for Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 5 YES.

City & Community Reports

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$749,090,91, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$50,545.17, Sewer Fund \$25,142.20. Totals \$824,778.28.

- 2) **Cameron Recreation Park - Funding** is tight at recreation Park due to increase in utilities and mowing costs.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

- Sarah Burge:** NA

- Joseph Wendt:** NA

- Stephanie Neely:** NA

- Terri Galentine** ABSENT

- John “PZ” WINTERS** NA

- Sherry Johnson** Property Maintenance letters to 22 Hillcrest and 124 Pennsylvania Avenue

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

The city crew will be completing a whole system hydrant flush.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk