

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, November 2, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session November 2, 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 VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE: Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, and Sherry Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by all Councilpersons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson PZ Winters requested for an address in his comment section to be corrected. 29 North Ave. corrected to read 24 North Ave. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented with correction made for October 19, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 I'S. Mayor polled each councilperson individually for all voted items listed under November 2, 2020 Council Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) NO-ONE OUTSIDE OF COUNCILPERSONS ENTERED INTO CONFERENCE VIA PHONE CALL.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval for the Mayor to sign the BUDGET REVISION in regards to the hiring of another full-time police officer. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 2) Discussion and Approval for the Mayor to sign an UPDATED RESOLUTION for the purchase of New Dump Truck. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motioned carried, vote of 6 I's. Mayor also let council know he requested for Whiteside's to give the City a quote for undercoating the new dump truck. The cost for this service is \$600.00. Mayor requested for Whiteside's to come pick up Dump Truck and to apply the undercoating. Funds will be paid from City's Operating Account.
- 3) Discussion and Approval of ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE property located at 52 High Street Cameron, WV. City received a quote from Q & M Construction, Inc. to take down and removal of the house located on 52 High Street. The quote given is for \$5,000.00. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.

Councilperson Sarah Burge requested the mayor to ask City Attorney if The City can put a lien on the property for the \$5,000.00 that City paid to have taken down and removed?

- 4) Discussion and Approval of granting a dollar raise to City Clerk, Nichole Bryan. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 5) Discussion and Approval of bills to be paid from last council meeting October 19, 2020. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 6) Discussion with two separate owners of dilapidated properties that were to appear in front of council is Tabled until the November 16, 2020 Council meeting. Due to not holding council in person due to COVID-19 increase of exposures. Properties are as follows:
168 Main Street / 12 Main Street / 18 Main Street / 3662 Dragon Highway.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – Larry Hartley and other electricians continuing to work on lighting.
- 2) Approval to bring back to discussion the City to consider allowing new resident who purchases home at 18 Crawford at Auction to widen parking area. The area is owned by the City of Cameron. Council person Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 6 I's.
- 3) Approval and Discussion for the city to allow new resident of 18 Crawford Ave. to widen parking area. The area is owned by the City of Cameron. Council declines to allow new resident to widen parking area. Council person Joseph Wendt moved to decline, seconded by PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 I's and 1 No.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sarah Burge read the Finance Report – General Fund \$543,882.78 Coal Severance Tax Fund 0, Water Fund \$40,074.82, and Sewer Fund (4,269.49) total \$579,688.11.

FIRST (1ST) OF MONTH REPORTS

1) POLICE:

Officer Chad Bromelow tested positive for COVID-19. Will be off for 14 days. Officer Bromelow was also injured at his second job. He fell and dislocated two of his fingers. Officer Bromelow will be paid his 80 hours while off for COVID.

2) VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

3) STREETS / ALLEYS / LIGHTING:

- Garbage removal
- Normal Meter on & offs
- Read Meters
- Finished Some Mowing
- Checked Drains
- Trimmed Bushes on road to City Garage
- Graveled East Side of Howard Street
- Took Yellow Signs Down
- Repaired Steps from Crawford to Columbia
- Installed Water Service for 240 Green Valley Road
- Installed New door at Sewer Plant
- Repaired Trusses at Sewer Plant
- Put new parts on Generator at Sewer Plant

4) WATER:

The reservoir is holding about six feet below overflow. The cooler temperatures are helping the water settle making the water easier to treat. I have started on the backflow prevention surveys in town and I am just about halfway done with the list. Some of the customers have already installed and tested their devices. We have responded to the states sanitary survey and we will have to keep them updated every few months on our progress.

5) SEWER:

Blower was delivered to Sewer Plant from D & G. It was wired up but was pulling in the incorrect direction. Contacted Swiss Valley to request for them to come fix.

6) NUISANCE LETTERS SENT TO:

- Dolly Gray
- Ray Norberg

7) CAMERON POOL:

Closed for season
The Pool held a fundraiser through Joe Corbi's Pizza & More.
Orders will be in for pick up on November 12th or 13th. Will let everyone know when verified. You will be able to swing by City Building to pick up your orders.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- 1) Nothing to add.

Joseph Wendt

- 1) Nothing to add.

Kenny Richmond

- 1) Gable Avenue drain needs cleaned out.

Terri Galentine

- 1) Nothing to add.

PZ WINTERS

- 1) 29 North Ave. condition of home. Concerned about it falling over hill, debris all over front porch, and alongside of bank on either side of the home.
(CORRECTION REQUEST- 24 North Ave. NOT 29 North Ave.)
- 2) Nothing to add.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Nothing to add.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) On December 7, 2020 the second public meeting will be held at Benedum Building Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. The meeting is to obtain input from citizens regarding community development, possible PHASE III WATER PROJECT.
- 2) Mayor is in the process of seeking PHASE III funding thru DEP Funds and IJDC Funds. These funds would be ALL FORGIVING FUNDS. The Mayor is working with Sewer Board, Sewer Plant Operator, Thrasher LLC, and Belomar. Application will be submitted for approval or denial.
- 3) The City has applied for Cares Act Funds for the months July, August, September, and October 2020.
- 4) Assistant City Clerk will be attending Court Clerk Training on November 4, 2020. This training is via web. The Mayor and City Clerk will be attending Judge Training on November 5, 2020. These trainings are completed annually.
- 5) City Clerk applied for the 2020 WORK ZONE SIGN PACKAGE given out by the WV LTAP. We are happy to announce that The City of Cameron was selected to receive one of this year's packages. CONGRATULATIONS!!

The City is responsible for picking up the equipment in Charleston, WV within 14 days of being notified. The other requirement as part of the package is our City Crew Workers attend a half-day training on work zone safety. Due to COVID the plan is to offer this free training in early December through our virtual platform.

ITEMS THE CITY OF CAMERON WILL BE RECEIVING:

- a) SIGNS: QTY. 2 FLAGGER AHEAD
- 2 ONE LANE ROAD AHEAD
- 2 ROAD WORK AHEAD
- 2 ROAD CLOSED AHEAD
- 2 ROAD CLOSED
- b) OTHER: QTY. 4 BARRICADES
- 16 CONES
- 2 STOP / SLOW PADDLES
- 4 ANSI CLASS 3 VESTS
- 4 SIGN STANDS
- 4 DRUMS
- 2 WHISTLES

6) Mayor brought up discussion of Christmas Parade 2020. Council members would like to move forward with organizing a Christmas Parade 2020. Give something for the community to look forward to. Especially in these uncertain times.

7) National Guard will be setting up in the rear parking Lot of The City Building to offer FREE COVID-19 TESTING. This will be offered November 3rd – 7th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed vote of 6 l’s.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk