

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session on November 4, 2014 in council chambers of the Benedum Community Building. Mayor Julie Beresford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Helen McMasters, Jack Hart, Sr., Tom Hart, Mary Leichter, and Wayne Simmons. Ron Walker, absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Wayne Simmons.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Wayne Simmons read the Finance Report – General Fund \$207,961.69, Water Fund - \$6,782.14, and Sewer Fund - \$13,939.07, Total \$228,682.90.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Younger's report was presented to Council. Mayor Beresford also advised Council that Officer Myers had completed training at the police academy. In addition, we have received money from the Chevron grant through the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley for placement of an AED in the third cruiser. The Mayor also stated that there will be a representative from the Domestic Violence office in the Police Dept. every other Tuesday.

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:** Mayor Beresford reported that the red truck would be going to Ohio Valley Ford on Wednesday for a routine check.

**STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:** Mayor Beresford reported that the light under the awning at the City Building had been fixed, as well as the street light in front of the City Building. Tom Hart reported that there is some additional patching that needs done on the city streets. It was also reported that Isiminger Lane needs some attention.

**WATER/SEWER:** Tim Flint stated that the Eco Bag is in the process of being removed from the water plant. It is no longer needed due to the upgrades. He also stated that they are currently in the process of routine testing and flushing of the hydrants. Tim extended his thanks to Mayor Beresford, Jeff Beresford and City Council for all of their help and support in the renovations that took place at the water plant.

Mayor Beresford advised that the water plant had passed inspection by the DHHR with flying colors. In addition, she provided Council with a letter received from the DHHR regarding their praise for all of the improvements made at the water plant. She also stated that our accountability is up to 92%, and that the water plant has been nominated for System of the Year, the Perkins Award, and that Tim Flint was nominated for Water Plant Operator of the Year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting was made by Helen McMasters, seconded by Wayne Simmons. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jack Hart, Sr., made a motion to bring back to the table the issue of the City leasing the fitness center, Helen McMasters seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Beresford provided Council with a proposed lease agreement which was received from Jay Prager of Reynolds Memorial Hospital. The Mayor advised that this lease agreement had been forwarded to City Attorney, Rosemary Humway-Warmuth, for review. Jack Hart, Sr. suggested

meeting with Dick Scott and Cindy Antill regarding new hours, new rates, etc., for the fitness center. He also stated that after December 1<sup>st</sup>, monies will be coming to the City for memberships rather than going to Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Mayor Beresford stated that Rosemary Humway-Warmuth is in the process of drafting an ordinance regarding the curfew.

Mayor Beresford provided Council with maps regarding the proposed longwall mining near the reservoir. She indicated that the WV Bureau of Dam Safety and Homeland Security had been provided with copies of the map as well. We have also inquired of these two entities whether the proposed longwall mining is far enough from the reservoir so that it does not compromise the integrity of the reservoir.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sharon Brown was present and inquired as to renting a room at the former high school for scrapbooking. She was advised that there are still two rooms available downstairs. Jack Hart, Sr., made a motion to allow her to rent a room, Helen McMasters seconded. Motion carried.

Amanda Merinar also requested a room at the old high school for a photography business. Tom Hart made a motion to allow her to rent a room, Helen McMasters seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Beresford advised that the rentals would be \$50 per month, and that they would be required to sign a short term lease, with reevaluation at the end of the lease period.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Beresford advised that the Events Center has been rented for an event every weekend in November. In addition, she reminded everyone of the Alumni Sock Hop on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Night at the Races on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Both events will be held in the Events Center gym.

She also advised that we had ordered mens and womens basketballs, a ball cart, volleyballs, and ping pong balls for our recreational program this winter.

Sunni Hartley, a student at West Liberty, advised the Mayor that if she called the West Liberty Social Work Club they would perhaps be willing to come out and work with the kids during the winter and develop a recreational program.

Mayor Beresford advised everyone that there will be a reception for the rededication ceremony at the water plant on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**COUNCIL COMMUNITY ITEM REPORTS:**

- a) Emergency Services/Publicity: None.
- b) Community Clean-Up Issues: None.

**INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**

Tom Hart – Tom Hart stated that the ballfields were looking pretty good, however, there is an area behind first base that still needs worked on. Tom also commended all of the first responders who were on the scene at the tragic industrial accident at the Cameron portal. He stated that Chief Younger was there to help, and this should be a reminder to everyone of what these folks do for our community. In addition, Tom stated that he had toured the water plant last week and that he was impressed. He was told when he first started City Council that the plant was a lost cause. He extended his appreciation and thanks to Tim Flint and those involved for the improvements that have been made. In addition, he stated that every cent of our grant money was reinvested into this project, and that we had spent our grant money wisely.

Helen McMasters – Helen McMasters stated that she had attended the homecoming parade and that it was very nice.

Mary Leichter – Mary Leichter inquired regarding the missing Howard Street sign and was informed by Tim Flint that the City crew had found it. Mary also inquired regarding the chemicals in Rose Clark’s room at the Events Center and Mayor Beresford advised she would take care of getting them removed.

Ron Walker – Absent.

Wayne Simmons – Wayne Simmons stated that he felt Trick or Treat worked very well on Thursday evening. He said he also received several compliments regarding the Haunted House held at the Events Center.

Jack Hart, Sr. – Jack Hart, Sr. thanked the Mayor and Sheila Cottrell regarding their efforts in keeping the fitness center open. He also extended his thanks to Mayor Beresford, Jeff Beresford and Tim Flint for their work at the water plant. Mayor Beresford expressed her appreciation to Jack Hart, Sr., for taking on the task of keeping the fitness center open.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Tom Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jack Hart, Sr., seconded. Motion carried.

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Sheila A. Cottrell, City Clerk

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Julie Beresford, Mayor