

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Stephanie Neely, John “PZ” Winters, and Sherry Johnson. Councilperson Terri Galentine, Absent  
Councilperson Joseph Wendt, Absent  
Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Absent  
City Attorney Christian Turak, Absent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by councilperson John “PZ” Winters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented for October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, seconded by Councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion carried, vote of 3 YES, 1 Abstain.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Craig White from Grand Vue Park spoke with the council about the playground that was awarded to Grand Vue Park at the West Virginia Recreation and Park Association Conference in September. Craig White announced it has been decided by Grand Vue Park to donate the playground to the Cameron community. It will be installed at the Cameron Recreational Park. The new playground should be up and running either in February or March of 2024.
- 2) Roger Littleton, a resident of Cameron had questions concerning the issue with discolored water and smell of water. Mayor H. Greg Galentine explained the reservoir turning over and all the different factors that play a part. Operators have been using more chemicals to treat the reservoir. Full system flushing has been completed. West Virginia Rural Water came to Cameron on Monday to assist the city. Robinson Pipe came with a vac truck to remove filter media on one side of tank. New filter media has been purchased and will be installed. That must be settled then the same will be done on the other tank. West Virginia Rural Water is also going to assist with robotics to access the water storage tank and send divers in to access the reservoir and the intake doors. Precautionary Boil Order was put in place by Water Operator after switching out filter media in one tank and will be done again when second side is complete. The city has been supplying bottled water. Mr. Littleton also inquired if any grants had been awarded to the City recently to replace water lines, maintenance water plant, etc. The mayor confirmed that no their has not been any grant money or approval of any projects as of yet. That the city has been working with Bel-o-mar Regional and Thrasher Engineering Group. LLC and an application will be submitted by the end of this year. Mr.

Littleton thanked the mayor and council for listening to his concerns and the information that was received.

- 3) Mr. Kenny Richmond inquired about the Grant awarded to the city for removal of dilapidated houses. The City received notice a week prior that the 100,000.00-grant award from the State of WV Governor's office is being funded. Ads for removal of the 5 houses will be in the Moundsville Echo in November and will be bid out in the first week of December 2023. Mr. Richmond also inquired if it was possible for the city to hire another police officer. Currently the city has two full-time and two part-time officers.
- 4) Delegate Chuck Sheedy came with news for council. It has been confirmed that the city of Cameron has been approved through the WV DOH to have ALL state owned and city owned streets inside city limits paved. This will be bid out after the first of the year with work to start as soon as the weather allows. Updated council that paving on 891 has been completed, and the 250 widening project is moving forward with a start time not for another year. He will keep us updated as he receives information.
- 5) Steve Haynes with Thrasher Engineering Group, LLC spoke about updates with Sewer and Water Projects. Phase II Sewer Project will be ready to submit to WVDEP for permits by the end of November 2023. This project is a 2.5-million-dollar project funded by 100% grant funding. Phase III Water project will be ready to submit by mid December 2023. This project is a 3.5-million-dollar project funded by 100% grant funding.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval for the City of Cameron to take possession of playground equipment donated by Grand Vue Park and be installed at the Cameron Recreation Park. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve to take possession of playground equipment donated by Grand Vue Park and be installed at the Cameron Recreation Park, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to purchase a Gen-Eye Pod camera from Totterdale Bros Supply Co. Inc, in the amount of \$8,479.92. Item to be purchased with ARPA funds. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to purchase property located at 3575 Dragon Highway Cameron, WV 26033 (Old Hardware location) for city crew garage. The purchase price is \$120,000.00. Donation in the amount of \$29,000.00 from Senator Ryan Weld, and Donation in the amount of \$29,000.00 from Senator Laura Wakim Chapman. The remaining balance of purchase will be paid with ARPA funds. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval to purchase UV Sensor Assembly, ballast, and replacement lamps from UV Sales LLC in the amount of \$8,154.00. Items to be

purchased with ARPA funds. Councilperson John “PZ” Winters moved to approve, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve paying bills from November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, seconded by councilperson John “PZ” Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**City & Community Reports**

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$783,691.56 Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$38,069.27, Sewer Fund \$6,850.04. Totals \$828,610.87.

**COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:**

- Sarah Burge:** Will speak with Chief Allman when he returns.
- Joseph Wendt:** ABSENT
- Stephanie Neely:** Had a resident share an idea with her. When and if we get the water storage tank painted. Could we get Cameron, West Virginia wrote on it.
- Terri Galentine** ABSENT
- John “PZ” WINTERS** Wanted to know if sidewalk / wall was still under construction on North Avenue. The stop sign at the end of High Street has been hit and is bent completely around.
- Sherry Johnson** Any updates on coal mine?

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

**Demo Grant will be published in paper requesting bids.**  
**The city heard back from WVDEP, and we were chosen to submit an application for demolition of dilapidated properties. Application must be submitted by December 01, 2023.**  
**All supplies have been delivered to the Water Plant to rebuild filter media in both tanks.**  
**North Avenue footer has been poured and will continue to move forward with completion.**  
**Mayor heard from the Northern Conservation Agency and there will be engineers coming to access and use drones to take measurements and placers will be installed.**  
**Mayor confirms that all city owned and state-owned streets located inside the city limits will be paved in the spring of 2024. The mayor was also questioned when paving was complete if the city would be willing to take back all city streets?**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

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Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk

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Stephanie Neely, Assistant City Clerk