

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, November 7TH, 2022.**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session November 7th, 2022, 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 Winland, John "PZ" Winters, and Sherry Johnson. Chief of Police Shawn Allman, Present
City Council Joseph Wendt and Terri Galentine, Absent
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 October 17th, 2022, seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Charles Sheedy went over information about a card the city could possibly apply for to save money on fuel tax.
- 2) Mary Leichter presented council and mayor with research she has compiled regarding empty lots to purchase for possible City Garage Project. Very useful research completed by Mary. Council was appreciative of the time Mary invested in gathering information.
- 3) Johnathan White a regulatory Analyst with Tug Hill spoke with council about opening a well site on the property across from where WWTP is located. The company looking to start opening driveway to the property some time in April of 2023. Requesting for the city to remove water meter and cap until construction is completed. Tug Hill will be communicating with the city with further updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of mayor signing the West Virginia Local Government Election and Release Form accepting the Janssen settlement terms. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve Mayor H. Greg Galentine to sign the West Virginia Local Government Election and Release Form accepting the Janssen settlement terms, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 2) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of mayor signing resolution to approve the City of Cameron and State of West Virginia to submit an application to the State of West Virginia Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to request funding for the City of Cameron Emergency Generator Project. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve mayor signing the resolution to approve the City of Cameron and State of West Virginia to submit an application to the State of West Virginia Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to request funding for the City of Cameron Emergency Generator Project, seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.

- 3) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of mayor signing WV DHSEM, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Maintenance Agreement: All project activities will be performed to meet local, State, and Federal codes and standards. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve mayor signing WV DHSEM, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Maintenance Agreement: All project activities will be performed to meet local, State, and Federal codes and standards, seconded by councilperson Sherry Johnson. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 4) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of upgrading streetlights to LED. There is no cost to upgrade to LED. The LED lights are more expensive per month. Based on our current street light billing roughly \$1,047.41, the LED lights would cost about \$450.00 more per month. (Whole city upgraded at same time) Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve upgrading streetlights to LED. Upgrade starting with North and South Dragon Highway within City limits and all Main Street, seconded by councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 3 YES 1 NO.
- 5) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of 4 hours paid for city employees on December 23, 2022, and December 30, 2022. Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to approve 4 hours paid for city employees on December 23, 2022, and December 30, 2022, seconded by councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 6) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of city employees Christmas bonus of \$100.00 for all city employees. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve Christmas bonus of \$100.00 for all city employees, seconded by Sarah Burge. Motion passed 4 YES.
- 7) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying bills to be paid from November 7th, 2022. Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve paying bills from November 7th, seconded by Councilperson John "PZ" Winters. Motion passed 4 YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – Spent \$8,200.00 on mowing this season. Electric continues to rise. Due to the way lines in concession stand are the concession stand must stay heated through the cold months. Which gives no break with electric bill. In comparison 82% more this year than last for electric bill. Profit from parking during football season is roughly \$500.00. Last year was closer to \$1,000.00. The high school has improved parking. More individuals are utilizing the high school parking, Still request funds from the County and received \$9,000.00.

The mayor, city council, and community wanted to show appreciation to Mr. Larry Hartley and his son Mr. Christopher Hartley. City council member Sherry Johnson with the assistance of our assistant Clerk Lisa Warren designed a beautiful plaque to be hung at the concession stand for the community to remember the behind scenes work that goes into the beautiful recreational park we have. The time the Hartley family has volunteered outside of their own day to day jobs and family is a lot. The Cameron Recreational Park looks amazing and benefits our community's youth and adults in so many ways. Thank you for all you do for our community Hartley Family!

City and Community Reports:

- 1) **FINANCE REPORT** – General Fund \$732,099.54, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$62,409.78, Sewer Fund \$9,768.29 TOTAL= \$804,277.61

First (1st) of Month Reports

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| • Police | Pool | Cameron Landmarks |
| • Vehicle Maintenance | Property Maintenance | Water |
| • Streets / Alleys / Lighting | VFD | Sewer |

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge:

- Thank you, Mary Leichter, for all the research you completed for a proposed location for a new City Garage.

Joseph Wendt:

- ABSENT

Stephanie Neely:

- Great job on the hill thru town. Looks GREAT!

Terri Galentine:

- ABSENT

John "PZ" WINTERS:

- Thank you to everyone helping get things done around the city.

Sherry Johnson:

- Thank you to the Hartley Family for everything over the years.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- **Demolition Project to be placed up for bid within the month.**
- **Green Valley Water Extension Project up for bid within the month.**
- **Sending a Congratulations letter to the Cameron Varsity Football team.**
- **Sending Thank you letter for the donation of cameras given to our police department.**
- **Trick or Treat went well. Thank you to the Cameron VFD for their assistance around town.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson John "PZ" Winters moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, seconded by Councilperson Sarah Burge. Motion carried, vote of 4 YES.

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk