STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON, CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 21st, 2025.

The City Council of the City of Cameron had a Meeting held on April 21st, 2025. Nichole Bryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present Sarah Burge, Joseph Wendt, Stephanie Neely, Hunter Chambers, and Devin Starcher. Sherry Johnson absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Hunter Chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the Minutes for Council Meeting April 7th, 2025, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 YES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Zach from Bel-O-Mar was here to go over the upcoming Demo project. The first progress meeting is going to be held on May 7th, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Council Chambers. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve mayor signing the resolution approving invoices relating to construction and other services for the proposed phase III Water System Improvements project and authorizing payment thereof,

Alex E. Paris Contracting Co. \$361,924.49
The Thrasher Group \$22,701.52
Bel-O-Mar \$1,687.32

Seconded by Councilperson Stephanie Neely. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Casey Young from The Thrasher Group spoke with council about Phase III water project progress. Everything is moving right along. Gable Avenue new line has been tested and all passed. Gable Avenue will be completed by end of June. A new water tank will be delivered in August. Site work will begin prior to this month. If everything keeps going smoothly the water line looks to be completed within the next two months.

Phase II Sewer Project update is the city is waiting for one easement to be signed. To submit application, we will be adding this area of project as an alternative. Meaning if everything gets handled between the two parties legally with property and easement can be signed. The area will be added to the project for completion. If for some reason issues are not resolved, then this area will be added to the next project we apply for.

Phase II Sewer Bids will be posted soon.

Cameron Elementary School will be completing work by Thrasher Group too. Contact city attorney Jason Pockl and request a written commitment letter for the City and Marshall County School Board to agree on and have both parties' sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval paying invoices listed below from the Carol Ann "Kay"
 Guthrie Neimes Donation given to prolong the life of the Cameron Swimming Pool.
 National Panhandle Pipe & Supply Inc. invoice in the amount of \$975.30.
 Citco Water 48-50 # bags filter gravel invoice in the amount of \$957.60.
 Citco Water 40-50# bags silica filter sand invoice in the amount of \$998.00.
 Total of all 3 invoices \$2,930.90.
 - Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve paying invoices listed below from the Carol Ann "Kay" Gunthrie Neimes Donation given to prolong the life of the Cameron Swimming Pool, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 Yes.
- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of quote from Cameron High School in the amount of \$200.00 for landscaping around City Building and Welcome Sign. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve the quote from Cameron High School in the amount of \$200.00 for landscaping and benches, seconded by Devin Starcher. Motion passed, 5 YES.
- c) Located under Public Comments.
- **d)** Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of quote for cleaning services for the City Building Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve quote for cleaning services for the City Building, seconded by Councilperson Hunter Chambers. Motion passed, 5 YES.
- e) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of paying of bills for April 21st, 2025. Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve the paying of the bills for April 21st, 2025, Seconded by Councilperson Devin Starcher. Motion passed, 5 YES.
- f) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of going into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve going into executive session at 7:40 PM, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 YES.
- g) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of coming out of executive session at 8:30 PM.
 Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve coming out of executive session, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 YES.

Old Business

- a) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of bringing back to the table Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of giving Jeff Garner a raise at water plant.
- b) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of bringing back to the table Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of hiring Scott Chaplin as Property Maintenance Code Official at \$18.00 an hour for the first 3 months at part-time hours. This is after completion of background check and approval

<u>from WV State Fire Marshall.</u> Councilperson Stephanie Neely moved to approve bringing it back to the table, seconded by Joseph Wendt. Motion passed, 5 YES.

c) Discussion and Approval / or Disapproval of hiring Scott Chaplin as Property Maintenance Code Official at \$18.00 an hour for the first 3 months at part-time hours. This is after completion of background check and approval from WV State Fire Marshall. Councilperson Sarah Burge moved to approve hiring Scott Chaplin with the listed requirements, seconded by Councilperson Devin Starcher. Motion passed, 5 YES

City & Community Reports

• FINANCE REPORT – General Fund \$583,390.92, Coal Severance Tax Fund \$0, Water Fund \$-6,547.09, Sewer Fund \$-1,334.53. Totals \$575,509.30

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS

Sarah Burge – Williams came to the pool to perform community service. They are a HUGE

help! Thank you for all your assistance with maintaining the pool.

Thank you to Cameron VFD for draining the pool for us.

Steak Fry is being held on May 10th, 2025, at the Annex Building. Thank you too

all.

Joseph Wendt— NA

Stephanie Neely – Steps from Howard Street to High Street are completed and they look GREAT!

Hunter Chambers — Asking questions on steps the city could take to possibly apply for a grant to put

a basketball court in for our residents.

Devin Starcher-- NA

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

SPRING BURNING SEASON MARCH 1-MAY 31 YOU CAN ONLY BURN 5:00 PM - 7:00 AM Water Buffalo is open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Stephanie Neely has moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, seconded by the Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, all in favor.

Nichole M. Bryan, City Clerk	Stephanie Neely, Assistant Clerk