

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF CAMERON,
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR SESSION, September 9, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Cameron met in Regular Session September 9, 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: Joe Wendt, Kenny Richmond, Terri Galentine, PZ Winters, and Sherry Johnson. Sarah Burge, Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Councilperson Sherry Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented for August 17, 2020 meeting, seconded by Councilperson PZ Winters. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Discussion and Approval of City Web page services by MML Design. Councilperson Sherry Johnson moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 2) Discussion of changing garbage services for City Residents and Business's. Discussed information obtained at a meeting with possible new Garbage company. Went over information that we requested City Attorney to investigate. Council is open to going forward with obtaining more information about the possible change. Will obtain that information to share at next council meeting. Tabled discussion until September 21, 2020 meeting.
- 3) Discussion of amending nuisance ordinance time frame for completion by residents. Spoke with Council about changing the 30-day timeframe to 10 business days for initial Letter. No more warnings. Raise penalties: 1st offense after first letter. No less than \$150-no more than \$500. 2nd offense no less than \$250- &750. 3rd offense no less than \$500 no more than \$1000.00. Nonpayment will result in suspension of license.
- 4) Discussion and Approval of Mayor signing City of Cameron Flood control Operation, Maintenance Funding. Councilperson Joseph Wendt moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.
- 5) Discussion and Approval of bills to be paid from last council meeting of August 17, 2020 to current Council date September 9, 2020. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cameron Recreational Park – Larry Hartley was given approval to start fixing lighting at the Park.
- 2) Discussion and Approval of Hach Annual Service Agreement for instruments that were purchased for the Water Plant. Councilperson PZ Winters moved to approve, seconded by Terri Galentine. Motion carried, vote of 5 yes.

FINANCE REPORT

- 1) Councilperson Sherry Johnson read the Finance Report – General Fund \$297,109.65, Water Fund \$45,685.79, and Sewer Fund (\$426.18) total \$342,369.26

POLICE REPORT:

- 1) Incredibly detailed Police Report was presented to the Mayor and Councilpersons for review.
- 2) Chief Dougherty announced the donation by Chevron of the 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV with the low mileage of 26,542.
- 3) Chief Dougherty presented the quote to upfit the vehicle to be reviewed by Council. Discussion and Approval of upfit will be on next Agenda for council meeting. A quote from Wheeling Tent and Vinyl for graphics for new police vehicle will also be added for review.
- 4) Body Cams are in the process of being updated. When completed it is at the officer's discretion if they want to use them.
- 5) The officer's presence is noticed and very much appreciated by the Community.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

- 1) None

STREETS/ALLEYS/LIGHTING:

- 1) Guys have been terribly busy around town.
 - Normal Meter on & offs.
 - Garbage removal
 - Cleaned up steps from 250 to West Street.
 - Put up yellow flags for childhood cancer.
 - Major water leak on RT 250.
 - Installed sewer service on High Street
 - Read Meters
 - Mowed and Weedeated around the town and around business sign coming into town.
 - Fixed gutters and underside of roof at sewer plant
 - Patched sink hole on Orchard Drive
 - Fixed water leak on Orchard Drive
 - Mayor asked Council to call into City Building if they see a light pole around town that is out. It must be called into AEP to have bulb replaced.

- Mayor spoke with Art Lightner (DOH) about meeting in the middle with expenses to fix city streets. Contacted Klug for a quote. The quote came back to high for DOH to get approval. The Mayor and Art Lightner discussed splitting cost. DOH pay for material. The City pay for labor and usage of equipment. Waiting on a new quote from Klug with the breakdown for the split.

WATER:

- 1) On the morning of September 9, 2020, the reservoir is down about 2 ft, but holding steady or at least dropping very slowly. We have received the new turbidimeter and the Universal Controller. Each service personnel will be here on September 15, 2020 to install new instruments. The Health Department will be completing our Sanitary Survey this month.

SEWER:

- 1) Had our monthly Sewer Board meeting at the actual Plant.
- 2) Still waiting on Thrasher for definite start date on project.
- 3) Blower has not been delivered from D & G machine yet. Called for update. It is supposed to be the week of September 14 – 18.

CAMERON POOL:

- 1) Closed for the season.

GREATER CAMERON AREA LANDMARKS:

- 1) None

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS:

Sarah Burge

- 1) ABSENT

Joseph Wendt

- 1) Nothing

Terri Galentine

- 1) Property belonging to Rosalie McCombs on Dragon Highway across from Old Cameron High School. Needs mowed and tree limbs picked up around property. Requested for a letter to be mailed to owner requesting for property to be mowed and cleaned up. Other properties also needing letters sent for same reasoning is 35 High Street (Bonds), 55- 61 High Street (Virginia West).

PZ WINTERS

- 1) Good job City Crew!

- 2) Thank you to Chief Dougherty for explanation to the council that the issues within the community are not being overlooked. They are being dealt with but is not something that can be spoken about in open council meetings.
- 3) Dog complaints about a brown pit bull located on 168 Main Street. A copy of our leash and vicious animal ordinance will be hand delivered to owner of the home by Officer C. Bromelow.
- 4) Old building owned by Sharon Roupe located on the right side of 160 Main Street. Wall is starting to cave in and is becoming unstable. Requested a letter be mailed to owner of property requesting for building to tear the rest of the way down.
- 5) Playground equipment laying along pool parking area. Requesting for items to be put together and installed or stored somewhere else. Seen many kids climbing all over items. Worried someone is going to get hurt.
- 6) Questioned B & O taxes being paid on time? If anyone is in arrears real far? Same questions regarding municipal fees.

Sherry Johnson

- 1) Thank you, Chief Dougherty, for getting the Police vehicle for The City of Cameron.
- 2) Thank you Officer C. Bromelow for all you hard work.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- 1) Announced Dumpster Day is on October 17, 2020.
- 2) Last week Mayor had a conference call with Thrasher regarding Phase III water line extension. Another conference call will be held this Friday. Hope to have more information for next Council meeting to share. Mayor would like to see the City get another water tank. To give us a total of 2 water tanks. Depending what is found out about Grants / Loans for Phase III. More discussion at next council meeting.
- 3) Mayor went over fire hydrant issue with council members. DOH was completing mowing in and around a location of a fire hydrant. A few days after the mowing was completed it was brought to the City's attention that something had hit and broke Fire Hydrant. Contacted DOH questioning if mower had accidentally hit hydrant? We were told no it had not. The day after the City had a large water break at the location the fire hydrant was struck. Had to remove entire Fire hydrant fix broken line. Contacted DOH to send quote for repairs. We were told to contact small claims court.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilperson Kenny Richmond moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by Councilperson Joseph Wendt. Motion passed vote of 5 yes.

Nichole Bryan, City Clerk

H. Greg Galentine, Mayor