

**TOWN OF CAMERON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2022
MINUTES**

Mayor Pro Tempore Bauerband called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

REGULAR MEETING

A. Approval of Agenda

Town Clerk reported that Alicia Melton with NCRWA was not present; however, Town Clerk had info to present.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to approve agenda as amended, all agree, motion passes.

B. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from October 25, 2022, Regular Meeting Commissioner Seiberling asked under New Business Paragraph E. Moore County Chamber of Commerce, was a motion made by Commissioner Frutchev to join, agreed, motion was passed.
- Minutes from October 25, 2022, Closed Meeting

Commissioner Seiberling made a motion to approve minutes with changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (there is a sign-up sheet) Comments are limited to three minutes. If additional time is desired, it requires approval of the board.

Tanya Nicely addressed the Board with several concerns:

1. Status of full-time Maintenance/Utility Tech Commissioner Frutchev updated that interviews are scheduled for December 8
2. Who is ORC? Town Clerk replied, William Baker
3. Police Chief? Commissioner Frutchev advised that we are reviewing the budget to determine if the town can afford a full-time officer, which may allow for a better candidate pool.
4. Media Replacement at Well 8 Town Clerk advised permit application has been submitted to NCDEQ.
5. Water Rate Increase, will there be time for residents to prepare? Commissioner Frutchev answered, it has been more than a decade without an increase, if approved the rate increase will be effective first of 2023. The lack of increases is due to a lack of past boards leadership not implementing.
6. Has Town spoken with Moore County regarding purchasing water? Commissioner Frutchev responded that yes, the Town has spoken with the County and that the interconnect is under construction and that it can be a permanent water supply if needed. The Town would have to create a contract, analyze data, and more for the County to determine estimated costs.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Water Rate Increase, Alicia Melton, NCRWA (North Carolina Rural Water Association)

The Town Clerk presented presentation provided by NCRWA, the board reviewed several options, Commissioner Parsons made a motion to accept Option 5 starting with the January 2023 billing date, all agree, motion passes.

Option 5: True Cost Recovery Over 5 Years – Percent Based

This model shows the necessary rate increase needed in FY 2022-2023 for water revenues to cover budgeted expenditures (as budgeted in FY 2022 with a rate for inflation factored in) and fully funding depreciation over a five-year period. Each year, rates will increase to allow for an additional 20% depreciation to be budgeted until it is fully funded in FY 27. Increase percentages are as follows:

	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Water	39.75%	8.00%	7.00%	6.75%	6.25%

NCRWA RATE STUDY SUMMARY - UTILITY BILL PROJECTIONS
TOWN OF CAMERON, NC
OPTION 5: TRUE COST RECOVERY OVER 5 YEARS - Percent Based

In-Town Base Rates						
	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Water	13.00	18.17	19.62	20.99	22.41	23.81
In-Town Cost per 1,000 (less than 15,000)						
	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Water	6.00	8.39	9.06	9.69	10.34	10.99
In-Town Bill Projections (Water/Sewer Combined)						
Gallons	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
1000	19.00	26.55	28.68	30.68	32.76	34.80
2000	25.00	34.94	37.73	40.37	43.10	45.79
3000	31.00	43.32	46.70	50.06	53.44	56.78
4000	37.00	51.71	55.84	59.75	63.79	67.77
5000	43.00	60.09	64.90	69.44	74.13	78.76

Out-of-Town Base Rates						
	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Water	13.00	18.17	19.62	20.99	22.41	23.81
Out-of-Town Cost per 1,000 (less than 15,000)						
	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
Water	10.00	13.68	15.09	16.15	17.24	18.32
Out-of-Town Bill Projections (Water/Sewer Combined)						
Gallons	Current	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27
1000	23.00	32.14	34.71	37.14	39.65	42.13
2000	33.00	49.12	49.81	53.29	56.89	60.45
3000	43.00	69.09	64.00	69.44	74.13	78.76
4000	53.00	74.07	79.99	85.59	91.37	97.08
5000	63.00	88.04	95.09	101.74	108.61	115.40

D. Transfer of Parcel of Land to Town, Town Clerk

Town Clerk presented that Attorney Van O'Linda with Town Attorney VanCamp provided a cost of \$1436.00 to research and record a deed for the property being given to the town by Fred Lazorcuk. Commissioner Frutchey made a motion to look for the most cost-effective option, all in favor, motion passes.

E. Employee Christmas Bonus, Commissioner Parsons

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to give employee, Herald Dowdy, a Christmas Bonus, the board agreed on \$250 (no taxes to be withheld) and a \$50 gift certificate to a restaurant, all in favor, motion passes.

F. Creation of (2) Committees, Commissioner Seiberling

Commissioner Seiberling stated the creation of two (2) new committees needed to be considered.

1. To organize and define paid and volunteer specific job descriptions.
 2. To completely inventory equipment, plan for needed repairs and preventive maintenance.
- We need to anticipate down-the-road expenses and have guidelines in place for volunteers.

Mayor Pro Tempore advised that we have most of this in place currently and the Town Clerk has been working to complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification Town Clerk reported that pansies have been planted, work is scheduled to begin on Town Crier soon by the men at Cameron Baptist Church.

Grant Mayor Pro Tempore reported exploring a grant writer, Nancy Hannah, more to come in January. The Town will use LKC Engineering when applicable.

Historic Commissioner Parsons reported the HPC is working on an inventory of the town buildings.

Park Mrs. Laura Younts presented sign options for replacement of closing time. Commissioner Frutchev made a motion to approve Option 2 in the amount of \$48; all in favor, motion passes.

Planning Commissioner Frutchev reported nothing major to report/committee is looking at some ideas to possibly pursue.

Public Safety Commissioner Seiberling reported solar speed signs are to be installed possibly on 11/22/22; hopefully this will help "calm traffic."

Street Fair Commissioner Frutchev reported the event went well, well attended, waiting on invoices to finalized numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Frutchev made a motion at 8:28pm to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Ginger Bauerband, Mayor Pro Tempore

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy C. Butner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Butner, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

(ATTEST)

