

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on August 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Julian Theriault called the meeting to order with the following members present:

1st Ward-----George Kirkwood
Mike Eby
2nd Ward-----Heith Stidham

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the last meetings. George Kirkwood motioned to accept the regular minutes. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Public Discussion - The Mayor asked if there was any public discussion.

Sheriff's Report - Nothing.

Fire Report - Nothing.

Brad Koenig - Robert Peccia & Associates - Nothing to report.

Budget - The Mayor and City Council reviewed the budget line item by line item. Mike Eby motioned to accept the budget the 1st reading of this budget. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The Final Budget will be September 5th.

Abandoned Services - The Mayor had a discussion on abandoned services. Any City supplied service (sewer, water, etc.) which remains in an inactive state for a period of more than _____ (months/years) shall be considered to be abandoned and may only be reactivated as a new installation. The Council agreed, but would need to look into this. The State funding agencies have to secure the loans and this includes the water tank loan and sewer base loan from every customer. The Mayor said that will be tabled until more information is available.

Drug Testing Program - The Mayor would like the Council to look over the Drug and Alcohol Policy from MMIA. George Kirkwood said that it is a standard policy. The Mayor said that Susan Wordal is working on the Drug Testing Program Policy to put this into the Municipal Code book.

Animal Control - Dog- Policy - The Mayor said that Susan Wordal is working on the Animal Control Dog Policy.

Mail Ballot Resolution - The Mayor read Resolution #585. A Resolution of the City of the City of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, calling for the County Election Administrator to conduct by Mail Ballot the November 2017 Election of City Officials. George Kirkwood motioned to accept Resolution #585. Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motioned carried and passed.

Meagher County Sheriff Resolution - This was tabled.

Memorandum of Understanding - This was tabled.

Review Ordinances - Susan Wordal is working on the Ordinances.

Employee Evaluations - Raises - The Mayor had Heith Stidham and Michelle Stidham leave the room for employee evaluations/raises, to prevent a conflict of interest. The Mayor had a discussion on the employee evaluation/raises with George Kirkwood and Mike Eby. The Mayor said that the raises were tabled until Sara Driemeyer could be here.

Mayor Comments - The Mayor brought up the cleaning up yard letter that was in the newspaper about the elderly woman. The Mayor said that the same letter is sent to every resident that needs to clean the yard. The Mayor said that there is nothing in the letter about watering the lawn. The Mayor said that the City office sends out about 45 letters every summer to clean up yards, grass, weeds, and old vehicles. The Mayor said that the school's practice field had been using a hose from the City's fire hydrant to water the grass to soften up the hard ground so that the kids would not get hurt. They did have a backflow preventer, but not a meter. The Mayor said that the water was not being metered. The Mayor said that the school did not have permission to use the fire hydrant so the City Crew shut it down. The Council remembered giving permission for the use of the hydrant for the construction project of the school, but not the ongoing water of the practice fields. The Mayor said that they will have to track the usage of the water used on the practice field to properly bill out the gallons. The Mayor said that fire hydrants can only be used by the City Crew they are protected under Homeland Security. The Mayor said that the City purchased a used water truck for \$7,500 to do the roads. The Mayor said that Daryl Mesecher looked the truck and all of the pumps work. The Mayor said that Willow Creek is working and the Sand Filter's turbidity is down.

Pay the Bills - Mayor Julian Theriault asked the Council if there is a motion to pay the bills. George Kirkwood motioned to pay the bills as presented. Mike Eby and Heith Stidham seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heith Stidham motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Michelle Stidham
Michelle Stidham - Clerk-Treasurer

Julian A. Theriault
Julian A. Theriault - Mayor