

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

George Kirkwood
Sara Driemeyer
Mike Eby
Rob Brandt

Mayor Rick Nelson 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. Rob Brandt seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Sheriff's Report – None.

City Fire Report – None.

City Engineer - None.

New Business

Kelly Huffield – None.

New Library – Presentation – None

Cal Moore Senior Transportation - Reapply City Planning Committee - Cal Moore discussed the Senior Transportation. Cal Moore said that the community survey went well. The members are Beth Hunt, Rob Brandt, Eva Kerr, Gordon Doig, Linda Frisbee, Bob Sager, Cal Moore, and the HRDC Transportation Specialist Lee Hazelbaker. Cal Moore handed out a City Council Report.

Transportation Survey Results 2										
			Expo	Center	Survey	Totals	Per			
1	Age categories			Survey	Monkey		Centage			
		18-50	5	3	12	20	20%			
		50-65	9	5	14	28	27%	*		
		66 up	9	32	13	54	53%	**		
						102	100%			
2	Percieve need within county									
		yes	20	25	25	70	69%	**		
		no	3	11	8	22	22%	*		
		undecided	0	3	6	9	9%			
						101	100%			
3	Need for transportation outside county									
		yes	19	28	35	82	80%	**		
		no	3	9	3	15	15%	*		
		undecided	2	2	1	5	5%			
						102	100%			
4	Would you utilize service									
		yes	8	19	12	39	39%	**		
		no	11	4	14	29	29%			
		undecided	4	15	13	32	32%	*		
						100	100%			
5	Pay nominal fee									
		yes	16	29	34	79	82%	**		
		no	0	2	1	3	3%			
		maybe	5	6	3	14	15%	*		
						96	100%			
6	Rank towns to visit									
		Billings	3	7	0	10	7%			
		Bozeman	13	16	17	46	30%	*		
		Great Falls	6	11	0	17	11%			
		Helena	16	32	23	71	46%	**		
		Livingston	1	8	0	9	6%			
						153	100%			
7	Best day to travel									
		Monday	2	5	0	7	7%			
		Tuesday	6	6	14	26	26%	*		
		Wednesday	4	7	9	20	20%			
		Thursday	0	2	0	2	2%			
		Friday	1	3	0	4	4%			
		No preference	15	25	0	40	40%	**		
						99	100%			
8	Willing to volunteer									
		Time	16	7	3	26	23%			
		Vehicle	3	5	6	14	12%			
		no	6	15	12	33	29%	*		
		undecided	10	15	16	41	36%	**		
						114	100%			
	Total surveys tabulated:	102	Total responses tabulated			867				

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1. Senior transportation committee
 - a. Members: Beth Hunt, Rob Brandt, Eva Kerr, Gordon Doig, Linda Frisbee, Bob Sager, Cal Moore and Lee Hazelbaker HRDC transportation specialist
 - b. Community survey
 - c. Hospital van
 - d. Letter of support

2. Housing Planning Committee
 - a. Committee formed through senior center volunteers
 - b. Purpose is to determine future housing
 - i. HRDC will survey the community to determine housing needs
 - ii. Existing housing as well as future developments to be considered
 - c. Government options:
 - i. Provide leadership and appoint a local committee to work with a professional planner to:
 1. Address land use policy updates, sub division regulations, annexation policies and related items
 2. Funding is available for both the community survey and grant for planning.
 3. There would be significant advantages to work with the county in the planning phase, both in grants and sharing costs

3. Former local Planning Committee active members: Mike Eby, Beth Hunt, Barry Hedrich, Cal Moore and Jess Secrest, county non-voting member, Jim Richards deceased. (If the council decides to reappoint the committee, it would be suggested to appoint Gordon Doig to replace Jim Richards.)

Cal Moore discussed the survey results. The results showed that there is an interest in transportation to outside of the City for specialized needed medical appointments in Helena or Bozeman. Cal Moore and Rob Brandt spoke about a vehicle that the hospital has for transportation that could be used. The members hope to receive a grant from the Montana Health Group to start the transportation service up. Cal Moore is requesting a letter of support from the City Council. Cal Moore has also requested a letter on support from the Hospital, Senior Center, and County Commissioners. Lee Hazelbaker will submit the grant application. George Kirkwood motioned to have a letter of support written for the senior transportation project by Tuesday. Rob Brandt seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The active local Planning Committee members are Mike Eby, Beth Hunt, Barry Hedrich, Cal Moore, and Jess Secrest, County non-voting member, Jim Richards deceased. Cal Moore suggested to appoint Gordon Doig to replace Jim Richards. Rob Brandt motioned to reappoint/reinstate the planning board to include Gordon Doig. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The Council agreed that there is a need to move forward with the Planning Board and continue with the HDRC survey to determine the housing needs and the future housing needs. There are grants available for the Community Survey and Planning needs. Cal Moore said that there are additional addressing of the land use policy, subdivision regulations, and annexation policies that are needed. The Council agrees there would be advantages to work with the County in the planning phase with both in grants and sharing costs.

Kelly Huffield – Welcome Signs Red Ants Pants, Porta Potty – Main Street by Band Stage –

Kelly Huffield asked the Council to consider an additional welcome to the home of Red Ants Pants Music Festival sign. Kelly Huffield will bring the costs to the City for approval. Kelly Huffield handed out some additional Chamber information below. The gazebo in the park has been fenced off because it is not stable. Kelly Huffield said that she would look into this. George Kirkwood said that when everything is up and running they would need to have some event insurance. Kelly Huffield said that there will be a web cam available for people to view on either side of the main street online to see the City activities without having to be there. Kelly Huffield is especially excited about the Meagher County Art & Cultural Trail Barn Quilts that will bring tourists and tourist dollars to the County. On July 2nd there will be a public meeting at 2 Bassett Brewery to showcase the website and show people how to use the interactive map. There will be a Tour the Loop Kickoff on July 7th. Kelly Huffield wanted to thank the City Council for joining the chamber.

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Chamber update

Sign - Home of the Red Ants Pants Music Festival – A tag along sign on the Welcome to WSS signs that would hang on the bottom of the existing signs. Annie Bailey is doing a drawing and then I will get estimates.

Band Shell – Josh Paddock, Nate Schendel & Evan Haugen will be finishing it in the next few weeks. Alaina Gordon will take care of scheduling for the band shell.

Northwestern Energy – Power pole – do I need to get permission or does the city? Carriage light and Brian Fisher will do the work.

Landscaping – Chadwick Nursery in Helena is helping with the landscaping design of the park and we will add more trees, deer resistant plants and make it low maintenance.

Kiosk – Will be moved between Twin Sisters & the Mason building if possible. Propane tanks and is it an alley? The rocks will be taken up & sod will be put down.

Porta Potty – Can one from Rader Park be moved to Joanna's Park?

Rader Park – Fort Logan Replica – A new one is being built, concrete is laid. Bill Cummins wants to know if a small pipe under the sidewalk to drain the water. He is building a new blockhouse.

Banners for carriage light – the Get Lit Committee purchased all of the hardware for the banners. We are hoping banners will be ordered soon. We will start with one welcome banner but in the future would like to have 4 seasonal ones. Will the City Crew be able to change them out quarterly?

Christmas lights on carriage lights – Michelle Walker has gotten donations to purchase lights and has gotten volunteers to put them up the last few years and we are hoping the City can take them over again.

Web Cams – The Chamber will be purchasing web cams to be placed at CM Grocery and Tenderfoot or the old Smith Hardware.

Meagher County Art & Cultural Trail - Bring tourists and tourist dollars to the County

- Over 55 barn quilts are up ranging in size from 2x2, 4x4 to 8x8. We have about 12 more that are finished and hopefully will be put up this week.
- Loop 1 is WSS, Ringling, Lennep, Martinsdale, Checkerboard back to WSS
- Loop 2 – Jackson Lane
- Newlan Creek and Slaughterhouse Road
- Tour the Loop Kickoff on July 7th
- Press release – coming soon
- Chamber website – meagherchamber.org click on Art & Cultural Trail – interactive map
- We will be featured in the July issue of Montana Lifestyles Magazine
- We will have a public meeting at 2 Bassets on July 2nd to showcase our website and show folks how to use the interactive map.

The Institute of Tourism Recreation Research – Survey of visitors

12th Annual Fun Run & Community Barbecue – This year's beneficiary is the WSS School music department

Colleen Coyle – Water Rights Attorney – The City hired a water rights attorney, Colleen Coyle, in the advice concerning well drilling permits within the City. Colleen Coyle talked about drafting a permit with the school district well and stipulating that the well is owned by the City and school but if the City should need more water for expansion in the future it would be available. Colleen Coyle will also draft an amended ordinance and an amended application form for water wells in the City to have certain criteria. The City wells should also be on a map for spacing.

Brad Tainer – T&H Engineering – The Mayor said that Brad Tainer, T&H Engineering Land Surveyor Intern, surveyed lots 1-3 and would like to amend the Library 1-3 lots to be one lot. Rob Brandt motioned to approve the library 1-3 lots to be one lot. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

New Gas Tax HB473 – MDT – Resolution – The Mayor read out loud the new gas tax HB473 MDT Resolution requesting distribution of bridge and road safety and accountability program. The City of White Sulphur Springs HB473 allocation is \$12,553.83 new gas tax. The City will need to have \$627.69 matching funds, 5%, of which will come from the General Street/Road fund. Rob Brandt motioned to accept the Resolution for the new gas tax for the matching funds to come from the General Street/Road fund. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Old Business

Bank CD's – Money Market Accounts – Chris Hedrich and Linda Holm had previously presented some options to help the City bank accounts increase the interest earning potential. Bank of the Rockies, Chris Hedrich and Linda Holm proposed a “sweep account” structure earning .07% in the NOW checking account. The rest of the City funds would be kept in a higher yielding money market account. The City Council is still reviewing this and another local bank to see if this would work.

Sterling Codifiers – Ordinance Code Book - The Mayor said that Rob Rollins from Sterling Codifiers reviewed the ordinance book and presented a contract for updating the Ordinance book and Susan Wordal is reviewing the contract.

Resolution #591 on Temporary Moratorium on Water Well Permits/Applications - The Council decided to table this until more information was available on the City's water rights with the water rights Attorney. Rob Brandt motioned to table Resolution #591 until the regularly scheduled meeting. George Kirkwood seconded the motion. Motion was been made and seconded to table Resolution #591 until the next meeting. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Ordinance #363 on Amending Title 4 Chapter 10 – Water Well Regulations – The Council decided to table this until more information was available on the City's water rights. George Kirkwood motioned to table Ordinance #363 until the regularly scheduled meeting. Rob Brandt seconded the motion. Motion was been made and seconded to table Ordinance #363 until the next meeting. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Mayor Comments – The Mayor said that he appreciated everyone that showed up from the City/County to help with the clean-up day it went rather well. There was a total of 116 vouchers used.

Comments on Future Business – The Mayor said that he will be looking into hiring a parks person, to start maintaining the parks. An ad will be placed in the newspaper May and have someone hired by the end of the month and start work on June 4th.

Council Comments on Future Business – George Kirkwood said that the May training in Billings was absolutely the most valuable training and highly recommends all of the Council to attend next year.

Public Works Report – The City Crew have been trying to get some of the potholes filled but the weather has not cooperated, waiting for warmer weather. The meter replacement list is down to about 30 meters and they are trying to schedule appointments for the meter change outs.

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

The Mayor asked council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Kirkwood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Michelle Stidham – Clerk-Treasurer

Rick Nelson - Mayor