

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julian Theriault with the following members present:

1 <sup>st</sup> Ward-----	Mike Eby George Kirkwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward-----	Heith Stidham Sara Driemeyer

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 as presented. Sara Driemeyer seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Public Discussion -The Mayor asked if there were any public discussion. Bethany Steinken and Julie Hanson presented a request to the Council to have the 4-H building project at the Rodeo Grounds. There is an old alley by the Rodeo Grounds and the 4-H would like to propose a project for a building and an area to wash and prepare for animal showing under a roof. The Mayor said that the Policy before was that the City would not abandon an alley, but could close the alley. The Rodeo Ground is already fenced all over around the Rodeo Grounds and the alley is in middle. The Mayor said that if the Rodeo were to sell the property then the building would have to be removed off of the alley. Susan Wordal said that they would need to submit an application for a variance and have a survey down on the property. A Land Use Permit would need to be submitted and it is good for 180 days. The Mayor recommended the Council approve the closing of the alley. Susan Wordal said that a formal survey will need to be submitted and all four corners marked for the filing of the request for a variance. Sara Driemeyer, Mike Eby, and Heith Stidham all agreed to have the alley closed. The Mayor asked if there was any other public discussion. Steve Hicks asked the Council for a variance on building his greenhouse closer to his property line than his 3 foot set back. Steve Hicks said that the greenhouse is hidden in the back by the wood pile and does not get any of the sunshine and in the front yard would not look nice for a greenhouse. Susan Wordal recommended Steve Hicks submit an application for a variance that had a better understanding of what he is asking.

Sheriff's Report - The COMM Report was handed out.

City Fire Report - The Fire Chief, Otto Ohlson said that there are 25 firemen in the fire department but only about 12-13 active firemen. There is a liability not having all of the firemen trained and up to date. Most of the firemen will be at retirement age soon and some incentives might help more volunteer. Mostly the Rural Firemen are responding to the fires. The City are needing more volunteer firemen and being trained and updated.

Sewer Project - The Mayor said that Brad Koenig will be at the next Council meeting in April.

Dog Memo - The Mayor said that the City Crew is still writing up the dog memo. People are bringing dogs from the County and dropping them on to the City Animal control.

Resolution-Local Option Tax - Susan Wordal said that the County is going to July 2010 and paying back the City Local Option Tax the \$61,591.09. George Kirkwood asked if the City would receive interest. Susan Wordal said that Shauna Porter said that it will take about 5 years to pay back the City. The Mayor proposed a Resolution #582 of the City of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, acknowledging an error by Meagher County in distribution of the County Option Tax and accepting the County proposal for reimbursement from the County's share of its distribution until the total distribution error has been repaid. Heith Stidham motioned to accept Resolution #582. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

State Gravel - Susan Wordal said that she talked to the State about the gravel. The City needs to find out where the gravel came from originally from under the sewer lagoon liners. If it can be proved that the City paid for the gravel in the sewer lagoons then it is the City's gravel. Otherwise it would be the State's gravel and the State could sell the gravel.

Sand Filter - The Mayor said that he was not sure why no one from the City Crew was here. The Mayor said that Daryl Mesecher would be cleaning the Sand Filter cells in March and then would be back flushed. If it does not work then the City will be working on the wells and pumps. The Mayor said that in the next grant year he will be looking for grants on the Sand Filter and Anna Miller said that she would do whatever to help the City.

Personnel Policy Manual - The Mayor said that MMIA updated the Personnel Policy Manual. The City adopted the Personnel Policy Manual on April 2008. The Mayor wants the Council to review the MMIA updates and compare with the City's April 2008 Personnel Policy Manual. Susan Wordal said that the City needs to follow the Federal Laws, but it is basically an update on the MMIA to follow. The Mayor said that the Council should look it over and adopt the revised Personnel Policy Manual.

Memorandum of Understanding - The City Attorney is working the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding. Susan Wordal will provide the City Council and County Commissioners the memorandum of understanding.

Resolutions and Ordinances - Susan Wordal is working on the Resolutions and Ordinances.

Growth Policy/Planning Board - Jim Richard handed out the latest Growth Policy to the Council. The City Planning Board approved the most recent version and is hoping to meet with the Council to explain. The Mayor and Council will set up a meeting for the City Planning Board.

Future Business - The Mayor asked if there were any future business.

Mayor Comments - The Mayor will set up a work meeting later this month. The Mayor said that he will look into the CDBG grant but needs to make sure that Beth Hunt has

signed off on the last CDBG Grant. The Mayor said that the City already borrowed against the CDBG funds with the Sand Filter for \$50,000 and it was forgiven. The Mayor said that the City will set up the CDBG Project again and have someone in charge of it again. Susan Wordal said she will look at the Statues again on the Wards. The Mayor said that the Land Use Permit Resolution will be next month. The Mayor had a question on the mosquito tax and special police. Susan Wordal said she would look into the mosquito tax and special police over at the County. The Mayor will ask Otto Ohlson for an itemized statement on the spraying of the weeds.

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

Mayor Julian Theriault 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 9:20 pm.

Michelle Stidham

Michelle Stidham - Clerk-Treasurer

Julian A. Theriault  
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