

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Julian Theriault called the meeting to order with the following members present:

1st Ward-----Mike Eby
George Kirkwood
2nd Ward-----Sara Driemeyer

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julian Theriault. He asked council if there was a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. George motioned to accept the minutes. Sara Driemeyer seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motions carried and passed.

Public Discussion - The Mayor called Jackie Short to come to the podium and address the council about her charges from the city after she replaced her old house with a new home. Her concern was about the \$500 to cut the street and the \$1000 for a new sewer connection. She felt she was paying for it twice since these services were there before the new home was delivered. The Mayor and council explained to her about the city and property owners responsibilities in situations like this. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion from the public that were in attendance. There was none.

Sheriff's Report – Nothing reported.

Fire Report – Nothing reported.

Sewer Phase 2 Project ~ Robert Peccia & Associates – Mayor Theriault reported that the engineer came out yesterday (10/16/17) and looked at the sewer lagoons to check if all is working fine. The City has added algae to the lagoons which helps the lagoons work good. Mayor said we will close out the loan when Shelly gets back from vacation.

NEW BUSINESS –

National League of Cities Grants – George Kirkwood presented to the council members this grant program thinking it would be a good thing for the city to belong to. The cost for membership is \$235.00 per year. Their website is: grants.nlc.org. George made a motion to join. Sara second the motion. All said Aye. Motion passed.

Demonstrations & Protests – Mayor Theriault suggested designating a certain area for protesters to gather. For instance, the Tintina mine project. He suggested the Springs Park because of its size. He still needs to obtain more information. Mike Eby motioned to make Springs Park our protest area. George Kirkwood second the motion. All answered Aye. Motion passed.

Town Pump – This item will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Land Use Permit – Mayor informed council that Kevin Wetherell filled out a building permit and submitted plans to build more storage units. The mayor asked if there were any objections and there were none. Mike asked if there were sewer lines close by and if everything else is in order. Answer – Yes.

OLD BUSINESS –

Animal Control – Dog – Policy – None

On-Call Engineer for W.S.S. – The City sent out a “request for proposal” for an On-Call Engineer. There were four companies interested- Innovative Engineering, Great West Engineering, Interstate Engineering and Stanley Engineering. Only Great West and Innovative sent in bids. The other two dropped out. The bids were opened October 17, 2017 at the council meeting. After council discussion, a vote was taken. The results were added up using a 10-5-0 scale with 10 being the highest. The final vote was Innovative Engineering with 150 points and Great West with 89 points.

Mayor Comments - Mayor Theriault reported to the council that the city office submitted a work order with Northwestern Electric for the purpose of installing electricity for the music stage at Joanna’s Park. Brian Fisher will be doing the electrical work. On October 18, 2017, CTEP will be starting to dig the holes for the new signs around town. Signs will be put up for the Rodeo grounds, the City Hall & Springs Park, The Depot and the one with Community Church Information.

Council Comments - George reported that we aren’t even half way through the old projects we have but we need to be looking for more funding as it comes up. He stated that the city’s streets are better than they were and the guys have been working hard on them. Mayor said we have about 12,000 yds. of millings left and we will be needing more. The city is looking for a grinder to chop up the millings. We will also need oil when putting it down. Now that we have an on call engineer we can work on the 4000 ft. of water line coming into town. Sara asked about the No Parking between 2:30 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. signs that are to be put up on Main Street. The Mayor said they are in and will contact the state again about getting that done.

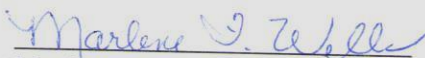
Public works – There are two pumps at the lagoon to circulate the water. One pump brings the water in and the other pushes it out. The sand filter is cleaned and running about 120 gallons per minute which is good. The crew did take the top off at the sand filter and is beginning to get clumpy in some areas but MT State College tested it and says it’s still good for a few more years. Water is turned off at all the parks and have been blown out. The new city street signs will be going up soon. Some cost a little more than others because of the length which needed more support for the wind. They will be white with black letters.

Pay the Bills – Mayor Theriault asked the council if there is a motion to pay the bills. George Kirkwood made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. The Motion carried.

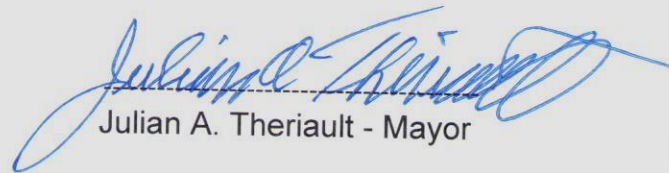
Mayor Julian Theriault asked council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Kirkwood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sara Driemeyer seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Michelle Stidham - Clerk



Marlene Wells - Asst. Clerk


Julian A. Theriault - Mayor