

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on February 5, 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. Sara Driemeyer seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

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

Sheriff's Report – The Sheriff, Jon Lopp, any questions on the COMM Report. Mike Eby asked if there any updates on ongoing citations. Jon Lopp said that they have started tagging cars requiring the vehicles to be removed moved out of the street. The Mayor said that it will aide in plowing of the streets.

City Fire Report – Fire Chief, Otto Ohlson, said that it has been a fairly slow month. Otto Ohlson said that there was a couple of ambulance assists and no fires for City or Rural. Otto Ohlson said that they have put in for FEMA Grant with the City and Rural like they have for the last five years and have been successful with one or the other one. The last City FEMA grant was to help replace hoses. Otto Ohlson said that the Annual Financial Report was finalized and submitted by December 31, 2017. Otto Ohlson provided a copy of the Annual Financial Report for the Mayor and Council. The council asked if they applied for a Bair Grant and Otto Ohlson said that they did not this year.

Sewer Phase 2 Project - Brad Koenig – Robert Peccia & Associates – The Mayor said that he has not heard anything from Brad Koenig so he must still be waiting for the manual to be completed and then he will mail the City a copy.

City Engineer - Terry Threlkeld – Terry Threlkeld discussed the pavement costs/funding. The project cost will be approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000. Terry Threlkeld said that the City could submit applications to CDBG with 25% City matching, SRF Low Interest Loan with 50% forgiveness loan, TSEP, DNRC grant \$125,000, or WRDA. CDBG is based on 51% low/moderate median income of which Midwest Assistance Program could help with. CDBG application is due by July 14th and TSEP and DNRC are due by May 15th. The previous Mayor did get the City two WRDA grants from the Army Corps of Engineers and he would be willing to help talk to Senator Jon Tester to get another grant for the City.

New Business

Tenderfoot Motel – Dean Anderson – Susan Wordal, Ben Hurwitz, and Dean Anderson discussed the variance on the Tenderfoot Motel cabins. Dean Anderson would like approval from the Council to request a variance on the cabins. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to

accept the variance. Mike Eby motioned to accept the variance. Rob Brandt seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Council Committees – Rob Brandt asked about the Council Committees that he would be taking over from Heith Stidham's position duties. Heith Stidham's duties were the streets and alleys. Rob Brandt suggested creating a subcommittee to act as a method of communication with the County Commissioners meeting once in a while for a few minutes. The Council thought that would be a good idea if it would work. Rob Brandt will get onto the next County Agenda to discuss this.

Mayor Salary – The Mayor said that he put the Mayor's salary back on to the agenda because when he inquired about the position of Mayor that the County Office told him that salary was \$6,600 per year. The Mayor turned the meeting over to the President of Council, George Kirkwood for discussion. George Kirkwood said that was what the Council had agreed on in December for the Mayor salary. Susan Wordal said that the Mayor's salary has always been a set amount and to change the rate you would have to adjust all of the positions to be legal. The budget sets the salaries. The Council agreed that since the voters approved Rick Nelson as the new Mayor regardless of his experience that his salary should be reinstated. Rob Brandt motioned to reinstate the Mayor's salary. Mike Eby seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

New Library – Gordon Doig – Gordon Doig approached the Council to discuss the new library construction phase start date in May. The Library Foundation is hoping that the City would consider waiving the water and sewer connection fees to the new library. Gordon Doig said that the library is both the City and County library.

Old Business

City Attorney – The Mayor and Susan Wordal have a signed agreement for retaining her as City Attorney.

Abandoned Vehicles – The Mayor said that there were 15 vehicles in the list for the Sheriff Department to tag. The Sheriff's department have tagged ten vehicles to be removed by five days.

Memorandum of Understanding – The Mayor brought up the memorandum of understanding and Susan Wordal said that she had sent a letter to the Attorney General's Office requesting an opinion on the County's Commissioner's Resolution, June 20, 2017, requiring the Sheriff's Office to send all tickets written through the County Justice Court, instead of sending City tickets through the City Court. Susan Wordal said that it will take a couple months to get a reply back. Susan Wordal said that the League of Cities and Towns are trying to set up a meeting with the City, County, and MACO, to have the clarification on the issues to straighten it all out with the City and County about the City Court Judge/County/Sheriff. Susan Wordal said that she has not heard anything yet.

Review Ordinances – Susan Wordal has finished Chapter 1 of the Ordinance book, but will be working on Chapter 2 and 3rd on the Ordinances book next.

Mayor Comments – The Mayor said that the City of Harlowton extended an invitation for any Elected Official that would like to attend a training session from Local Government on February 20th at 6:00 pm. Mike Eby said that the Council could schedule a meeting to meet with Dan Clark here at City Hall. The Mayor said that Jim McDanel seriously recommended that the City look into a computer, networking, and a server for Michelle and Marlene. Jim McDanel said that it would cost about \$5,000 for the computers and a server. The new printer is on its way. The Council would like Jim McDanel to explain the process of the server with the computers. The concern is the backing up of the computers and the sharing of the files on an usb drive. Susan Wordal suggested that Jim McDanel present the Council with several proposals with explanation to back it up.


Comments on Future Business – The Mayor mentioned that the City needs to address our wheel loader (front loader) on whether we need to repair it or look into getting a replacement one. George Kirkwood said that the City is on a list on possibly getting a new loader.

Council Comments on Future Business – George Kirkwood will have an article to place in the newspaper explaining to the public what the City have been doing.

Public Works Report – Rocky Vinton said that the City Crew has run out of sand and will have to order more sand and salt due to all of the ice this year. Rocky Vinton said that the cost for snow removal this winter is estimated at \$25,000 so far. So this will leave less money for pot holes.

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. Rob Brandt seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.


Michelle Stidham – Clerk-Treasurer


Rick Nelson - Mayor