

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg  
Ron Coleman  
Rick Ellison  
Lee Blanchard

### A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

### B. Roll Call

### C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

**D. Public Comment:** Public comment will be accepted on public matters not listed on this agenda and are within the jurisdiction of the City Council and having a significant interest to the public. During a regular session, there will be time after each agenda item for comment about that item.

1. Step up to the podium and state your name and address for the record.
2. Please limit your comments to THREE (3) minutes.

The Mayor asked if there was any public comment. Vickie West had a question on the ordinance code chapter 8.1.15

### E. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Action

#### 1. Resolution # 2022-8 Pit Meters

##### Discussion and/or Action

Per discussion at 8/1/ meeting, consider Resolution of the City Council to effect the replacement of identified water meters housed in below-ground chambers or pits to finish the exchange of old water meters for the new system meters: purchase the pit chambers and supplying the new meters for owners of each identified property to install

##### Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2022-8 as presented or as amended.*

The Mayor read out loud Resolution #2022-8 Pit Meters, a Resolution of the City of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, to order and replace incompatible pit meters at partial City expense and authorizing expenditure for such replacement. It was suggested to clarify the language on, “the City has determined the cost for each pit, or chamber, is approximately \$1250.00, which does not include the cost of installation and connection, and for which the City will not assume responsibility and requires a licensed plumber (to include language), “ for connection to the service lines”. It was suggested to strike out parts of the City will work with the affected property owners to provide the pit chamber at no cost to the property owner, along with the City-owned Neptune meter, (“when proper arrangements are made for installation of the pit or meter chamber”) and strike out “The property owners will, in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 1 of the White Sulphur Springs City Code, be responsible for the installation of the pit chamber and the meter in accordance with the Code, which

includes the cost of removal of the old pit chamber and installation of the new, together with any plumbing costs associated with the installation”, and add the language, “The City will provide the pit and meter without cost to the property owner, but installation costs, including removal of the old pit and meter, are the responsibility of the property owner. Installation requires a licensed plumber to complete all connections to the service lines”, strike out (“all installation”) and add language, “The location of the new pit and meter” shall, and strike out (“ occur in such a manner that”) and add the language “be such that” the City can gain access to the Neptune meter as needed for maintenance or other issues, including reading the meter should the electronic signal be disrupted or otherwise affected, and add “the property owners shall consult with City staff as to the location of the new pit and meter”. The old Mastermeter meters will be returned to the City. Susan Wordal make the language changes. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve Resolution 2022-8 as amended.

Public Comment, Vickie West asked if there was a way to know who 8-10 owners are on this pit meter list so that those whom this applies to could possibly get together and have a contractor install them at a lower rate, how long they had to do this, what are the guideline specs and what is expected of them. The Mayor said that the list is at the City Office and she could have a list of the residents affected.

It was suggested to table this. There was not a second on the motion. Motion died. This will be tabled until the September meeting. Susan Wordal will review this and make the necessary language.

## **2. Freedom Days LLC Labor Day Rodeo Alcohol Waiver**

Discussion and/or Action

Presentation as to Freedom Day’s Rodeo event and the street closure/alcohol waiver request for the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to approve Freedom Day’s Rodeo’s Open Container Waiver for September 4<sup>th</sup>*

Kate Daily, Cassie Coburn, and Josh Manning approached the Council to request an Open Container Waiver for the Freedom Days LLC Labor Day Rodeo. The street closure application permits have already been submitted. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve the Open Container Waiver for September 4th. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

## **3. Hospital Annexation – Rob Brandt or representative**

Discussion and/or Action

On-going issue pending before City/County Planning Board. Mr. Brandt has requested time to bring the Council up to speed on the pending application for annexation before the Planning Board and discuss any concerns of the Council regarding the application which were conveyed to the Planning Board when the Amended Petition was forwarded.

Accept Public Comment

*Any formal action on this item must await a formal recommendation from the City/County Planning Board as to the annexation petition.*