

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on August 2, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
Stacy Menard
Lee Blanchard

A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

D. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. July 6th Meeting – Regular Session

Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended.

Mayor Rick Nelson asked the Council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the July 6th regular meeting as presented. Stacy Menard motioned to accept the minutes from the July 6th regular meeting. Pattie Berg had a change to page four the section on setting schedule/office hours for the Mayor, it should state that it does not require Council approval. Pattie Berg motioned to accept the July 6th minutes as amended. Stacy Menard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. July 20th Meeting – Regular Session

Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended.

The Mayor said that the minutes from July 20th will be presented next month.

3. July 20th Meeting – Work Session

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E. 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.

F. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

The Mayor, City Attorney, and Council reviewed the Meagher County Sheriff's Office Complaint Report for the month of July 2021. There was a discussion on the animal complaint with a deputy finding a hound at the Town Pump and bringing it to the office and the owner came and got the dog. The Animal Control Officer will speak with the Sheriff Department Office and will visit and go thru the processes.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

CITY COURT OF WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

JUDGE SORENSON

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

AUGUST 2, 2021

REPORT FOR JULY

Hours: 72.5

Dog at Large ticket= Dismissed

Suggested Bonds for Dog At Large Citation: From Full Court

Columbia Falls=City Court 1st=\$25 2nd= \$50 3rd= \$75

Bozeman= 1st=\$50 2nd= \$100 3rd=\$150

As discussed with Mark Pryor White Copy of citation needs to be brought to me ASAP Tickets get processed through Full Court just as a speeding ticket is so we can record the offense.

2 New Cases For the Month of July

1 Arrest Warrant served – Defendant found Incarcerated in Dawson County. Hearing Scheduled

City Judge, Lori Sorenson, said that the Council will need to discuss and establish fees for animal control and impound.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

The Mayor said that Sam Peeler has been extremely busy with fires, but apologizes for not being there.

4. Library Report – Jessica Ketola

The City/County librarian, Jesseca Ketola, presented her first monthly library report to the City. Jessica Ketola said that she has been doing monthly reports to the County for a couple of years and it was brought up why there has not been a City monthly report presented. Jessica Ketola said that they had their regularly story times, friends of library, summer reading program, brown paper craft projects, extra give away books & prizes, City wide safari, volunteers, food bank, and conference meeting rooms used.

5. City Engineer's Report – City Engineer Terry Threlkeld

Terry Threlkeld gave the Council an update of the Water Main Line Project. The notice of award went out. Big Belt Excavation, Bodie Morrison, was worried that the contractors would not be able to get the needed materials right away, to start this fall. He suggested gathering the materials and setting it aside and this would give some time to get the contract signed, and then start in the spring. There was a progress phone conference with DNRC, DEQ, and the funding agencies that he missed but the Mayor said that SRF is basically on board with increasing the loan funding and forgiveness and will work through that with them. The Mayor said that the funding agencies need the revised project budget to be able to complete the Bond Resolution. Terry Threlkeld submitted the ARPA competitive grant in July.

6. Public Work's Report - City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton

Rocky Vinton said that the millings have all been laid out for 32 blocks in the City and 2.5 miles of the County by the Dump, but the crew is still working on driveway approaches, intersections, sewer manholes, and water curb stops. Rocky Vinton said that he has been getting prices on chip sealing and has found out that at one place it is about \$2.00 per square yard, oil is \$529.00 a ton, and this is without a delivery cost yet. Rocky Vinton said that between potable water from Red Ants Pants and Fire Camps there has been a lot of water going thru and had suggested to the Mayor to set water restrictions. It was asked how long Willow Creek has been off and a concern about water rights. Rocky Vinton said Willow Creek has been off about 10 months and he had already visited about the water rights. There was a concern about potable water trucks and the use of a backflow preventer. Rocky Vinton said that the potable trucks have been inspected by the State. There was a concern about potable trucks not using water from streams or ponds instead of the City's treated water. The potable trucks are charged a \$20 permit fee and are inspected, the water that they get from the City are charged \$3.00 per 1000 gallons. In the newspaper ad it stated that residents with wells would have water restrictions also. The City is considered a dry valley community and the City does still have water rights to it.

7. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

Mark Pryor said that the spay & neuter clinic went well and hopes to do another at a future date. Animals need to be vaccinated and registered before being released back to the owners. There is a family of skunks on 5th. There was a discussion on cats if the City handles them or not. The Ordinance is very vague on cats. Both dogs and cats must be licensed, vaccinated, and registered. There was a discussion on adding feral cats.

8. Parks Committee Report – Pattie Berg

Pattie Berg said that Rock Hard Contracting was awarded the concrete bid for the Tennis Court Project. The Mayor will visit with Rock Hard Contracting tomorrow.