

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on December 20, 2022 at 6:00 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.

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

1. Reconsider City Shop Building Contract Award

Discussion and/or Action

Brought back from October 3 and 18, and December 5 Council meetings, Mayor to address issued with VOD contract and negotiations. Reconsider other bidders or proposals and re-award contract or republish bid solicitation.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion Options: Move to re-award contract to XXX for their bid of \$XXX,XXX. OR, Move to republish bid solicitation (with or without revisions).

The Mayor and Council discussed the Shop estimate from Dennis Doran, Cornerstone Inc., for approximately \$116,658.80. The Mayor said that Cornerstone recommended that the new City Shop should be its on building and leave a 8 ft breezeway between the buildings. Susan Wordal just received the estimate quote today and would need to review it further. The Council will review the estimate and discuss it further on the next meeting January 3rd.

F. New Business- Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Resolution 2022-11 – Supporting 2022 Legislative Resolutions

Discussion and/or Action

Consider a resolution supporting the Montana League of Cities and Towns 2022 Legislative Resolutions guiding the legislative goals and positions of the League as outlined at <https://mtleague.org/2022-resolutions/>.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to adopt Resolution 2022-11 recognizing, concurring, and supporting the MT League of Cities and Towns legislative goals and positions on behalf of the League.

The Mayor, Susan Wordal, and Council discussed the resolutions. Resolution 2022-11, a resolution of the City of the White Sulphur Springs, Montana supporting the 2022 Legislative Resolutions of the Montana League of Cities and Towns, Exhibit “A”. Backgrounds and Actions.

Resolution 2022-1 General Principals
Resolution 2022-2 Property Tax Reform and Protection of Local Revenues
Resolution 2022-3 Housing
Resolution 2022-4 Land Use and Environmental Regulation
Resolution 2022-5 Invest in Local Government Infrastructure
Resolution 2022-6 Compensation for Retirement
Resolution 2022-7 Support City of Colstrip and other Communities impacted by
Natural Resource Industries
Resolution 2022-8 Support for Public Safety Services and Accountability
Resolution 2022-9 Support Military Operations in Montana
Resolution 2022-10 Accumulation of Building Code Fee Collections
Resolution 2022-11 Coronavirus Global Pandemic

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11 recognizing, concurring, and supporting the MT League of Cities and Towns legislative goals and positions on behalf of the League. Lee Blanchard motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-11 recognizing, concurring, and supporting the MT League of Cities and Towns legislative goals and positions on behalf of the League. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. Appoint a City Representative for the Housing Project.

Discussion and/or Action

Consider the appointment of Council member Rick Ellison as the City's Representative to the Meagher County Housing Project.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to appoint Rick Ellison as the City's Representative to the Meagher County Housing Project.

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to appoint Rick Ellison as the City's Representative to the Meagher County Housing Project Committee. Ron Coleman motioned to appoint Rick Ellison as the City's Representative to the Meagher County Housing Project. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

G. Council Review of Financials

H. Claims Signing/Motion to Approve the Bills

Pay the Bills

Accounting Claim Check #'s 18892-18914 November 16, 2022 thru November 30, 2022 for \$381,401.63.

Payroll & Electronic Check #'s 9266-9285 November 16-30 for \$19,544.94

Utility Billing System Adjustments Journal Vouchers \$124.42 November 1-30

Accounting Claim Check #'s 18915-18955 December 1, 2022 thru December 20, 2022 for \$30,843.40

Accounting Journal Vouchers November 1, 2022 thru November 30, 2022 for \$1,484.02

Payroll & Electronic Check #'s 9286-9297 December 1-15 for \$11,855.90

Received a copy Budget Expenditure/Revenue November 1-30, 2022.

November 16, 2022 thru December 20, 2022 were presented for Council's approval. The Mayor asked if there is a motion to pay the bills. Lee Blanchard motioned to pay the November 16- November 30 bills as presented. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. Rick Ellison, Ron Coleman,