

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on February 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Survey Documents

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from February 7th: Discussion regarding Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) survey draft and advertising in order to obtain resident feedback for revisions to the prior Comprehensive CIP with Gt. West.

Accept Public Comment

Obtain consensus on completeness of survey and comments as to advertising poster and provide direction to Gt West as to additions/deletions and moving on with next steps.

The Mayor asked if the Council was good with how the survey looks and are ready to have Great West Engineering move forward. The Council said that they were good with it. The Mayor asked if there was a motion. Lee Blanchard motioned to have the Mayor move forward on Great West Engineering on the CIP Survey. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. Montana Department of Transportation – Ted Jones – Request a permanent through traffic street closure of 5th Ave SW between the streets of SW Hancock St and SW Garfield St.

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from February 7th: Discussion regarding need for street closure requested by Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) as to their property located between SW Hancock and SW Garfield which straddles 5th Ave SW and their plans for development of this property.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to grant street closure and bring matter back for formal Resolution; or Move to continue matter for further discussion.

The Mayor said that this item is tabled for Susan Wordal to be able to update and gather up more information. This will be on the next Agenda March 6th.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCE PROPOSALS

a. Continued 1ST Reading: Ordinance 2023-1: Street Numbering

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from February 7th: Consider proposed Ordinance 2023-1 altering language in §1.5.4 of the WSS City Code to conform to the methodology being employed by the Meagher County Rural 9-1-1 Addressing project, which is upgrading to a GIS addressing protocol for locating structures.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2023-1 as written (or as amended) and set for 2nd Reading. OR, Move to continue 1st Reading to another date.

The Mayor, City Attorney, Council, and Great West Engineering GIS Specialist, Matt Blassic, discussed the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-1A (Amended), an Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 4 of the White Sulphur Springs Code of Ordinance as to method of numbering buildings, and making amendments as to style and form for purposes of reference and codification. There were questions from the last meeting and Matt Blassic answered (in red) the questions, concerns and had handed out of copy from the email for the Council for review. Susan Wordal included the amended language (in green) adding that “in accordance with a Next-Generation 911 (NG9-1-1) process across the state” and “Whereas, such change to the methodology will be effective from the implementation of the NG9-1-1 system”. Section 2, Method of Numbering Buildings (E) was discussed and the language “street start” was stricken out with red and the language in green was added as “point of origin of the street or avenue, such as but not limited to Central Avenue or Main Street” and the part of “(i.e., 0.5 mile street = 100-500 address range)” was stricken out in red and language was added in green of, “and numbering will use an address range employing a “100-block” numbering structure and shall increase numerically as the street/avenue increases in distance from the point of origin”. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve the amended Ordinance 2023-1A. Rick Ellison motioned to adopt the proposed Ordinance 2023-1A as amended. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

b. 2nd Reading: Ordinance 2023-2: Public Works Superintendent

Discussion and/or Action

Consider proposed Ordinance 2023-2 altering language in §1.7.1, §1.7.7, §4.4.2, §8.1.2, §8.1.4, §8.1.14, §8.1.19, §8.1.20, §8.1.24, §8.1.29, §8.1.32, §8.2.10, §8.2.20, §8.1.21, §8.1.24, §8.1.29, §8.2.2, §8.2.4, §8.2.5, §8.2.6, §8.2.7, §8.2.9, §8.3.1, §8.3.2, §8.3.3, §8.3.4, §8.3.5, §8.3.10, §8.5.2, §8.5.6, §8.5.10, of the WSS City Code to change the word “Superintendent” as used therein to “Supervisor” or “Public Works Supervisor” and make other adjustments consistent with this change to conform to the City’s current job description and usage for this position; and revise the duties assigned under §1.7.7, and make other changes in style for codification as appropriate.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to Adopt Proposed Ordinance 2023-2 as written (or as amended) and set for 2nd Reading. OR, Move to continue 1st Reading to another date.

The Mayor, City Attorney, and Council discussed the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2023-2, an Ordinance amending White Sulphur Springs Code of Ordinance to alter language in 1.7.1 thru 8.5.10, to change the word “Superintendent” as used therein to “Supervisor” or Public Works Supervision” or make other adjustments consistent with this change to confirm to the City’s current job description and usage for this position and usage for this position; and revise the duties assigned to the Public Works Supervisor under 1.7.7 and making amendments as to style and form for purposes of reference and codification. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance 2023-2. Lee Blanchard motioned to adopt the proposed Ordinance 2023-2 as written. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.