

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on February 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ron Coleman
Lee Blanchard
Pattie Berg
Rick Ellison

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. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. December 20th Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve or reject the Regular Session and Work Session minutes from December 20th as presented. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve the December 20th Meeting Regular Session and Work Session minutes as presented. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. January 3rd Meeting – Regular Session

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

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve or reject the Regular Session minutes from January 3rd as presented. Rick Ellison motioned to approve the January 3rd Meeting Regular Session minutes as presented. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

F. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Meagher County Sheriff's Office Complaint Report month of January.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

The January for the citation activity and case statistics reports was handed out for the Council.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

4. City Engineer's Report - Great West Engineering

Jessica Salo said that they have been working on task order #2, Water System PER, the evaluation of the City's existing water system & correspondence with environmental agencies. There was a meeting on January 4th at 10:00 am with Great West Engineering (via zoom) and the City Council to discuss the Water System PER. The next steps will be to prepare a complete draft of the PER and conduct public involvement activities. The City will put a notice of a public hearing newspaper ad two times (March 9 & March 16), before holding the public hearing on March 21, to obtain public comments regarding the proposed improvements to the City of White Sulphur Springs' water system.

The newspaper ad is below:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of White Sulphur Springs will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The public hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall at 105 West Hampton in White Sulphur Springs. The City has scheduled a hearing to obtain public comments regarding the proposed improvements to the City of White Sulphur Springs' water system. With assistance from Great West Engineering, the City is preparing a water preliminary engineering report (PER) update. It may apply for funding from the Montana Department of Commerce, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, USDA Rural Development, or the Department of Environmental Quality's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

At the public hearing, White Sulphur Springs and Great West Engineering representatives will explain the project's purpose, the project area, the scope of work, the budget, possible funding sources, and any costs that may result for local citizens because of the project. Great West Engineering will also present its assessment of the project's environmental impact. A copy of the PER is available at City Hall. During the public hearing, residents may ask questions and express their opinions regarding the project and its potential impact on the City of White Sulphur Springs residents.

Residents can submit comments and questions about the project at any time at wss@itstriangle.com or P.O. Box 442, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645. You may also contact Great West Engineering's Project Manager, Jessica Salo, PE, at (406) 422-1288 or jsalo@greatwesteng.com.

Publish Two (2) Times:

The Meagher County News

March 9, 2023

March 16, 2023

Jessica Salo said that they have been working on task order #3, Backup Generators, with the design for the two generators, to serve the well pump house (200kW) and waste water lift station (35kW) costing approximately \$245,000. A site survey was performed and preliminary plan set generated for location of the generators. Great West will finalize the design, cost estimate, and assemble plans, specifications, and contract documents in preparation for going out to bid. Jessica Salo said that they are really close to being able to advertise and put out for bid, but wanted the City Attorney to review it first. The City was notified of the ARPA Water & Sewer