

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on July 3, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Julian Theriault called the meeting to order with the following members present:

1st Ward-----Mike Eby
George Kirkwood

2nd Ward-----Sara Driemeyer

Mayor Theriault asked council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the last meeting. Council member George Kirkwood voted to accept the minutes after typographical corrections are made. All council said "Aye" after the corrections are made.

Sheriff's Report – The Sheriff is currently out of town but submitted a written report. George Kirkwood questioned why there's an increase in break-in's, burglaries, and thefts. Rain gutters were taken from a property but were later recovered and returned.

Fire Report – A report was given at the June 20, 2017 meeting. No additional information at this time.

Sewer Report – Mayor Theriault reported that the sewer project has been completed with the exception of leak tests on the south pool, which will be done in a few months. There's still some cleaning up left to be done.

Liens - A lady purchased property that had a lien on it which she was not aware of. She felt the lien was too old and that she shouldn't have to pay for all the interest and fees it accumulated over the years. She would be willing to pay just the amount of the original lien. Mayor Theriault said he will talk to the state and with the City Attorney when she is back from vacation and will go with what they say. John & Daryl are on vacation. Rocky and Jake helped put up the flags on Main St. for the fourth of July. The city contributed \$200.00 for the "Race for this place" fun run. The Mayor said he would clean up the weeds at the horseshoe pits in preparation for the July 4th holiday.

Animal Control – Dog Policy – No action at this time. This will be discussed at a later time when the city attorney returns.

Grants - George Kirkwood reported that there is a corporation from Missoula that are grant writers that the city could check out. The mayor also has been in contact with a couple of others that are going to get back with him probably next week.

Public Works – Rocky Vinton stated that the reports for the Sand Filter are now on-line. He said that the water is running through the sand filter at 116 gallons per minute. The water and sewer have been hooked up at the Chicken Shack on Main Street. The sewer had to run back to Hampton, and the water had to go around the corner and down Hampton to Second Avenue. The crew should be able to start on the Patcher next week. Mrs. Michelle Marsh called everyone and said we don't have to put out bids for the fencing. Brad Koenig will be putting out feelers for bids. The City won't have to go to tax payers again to pay for the fence. They will give the city a close-out on the sewer at the walk-through on July 13 at 1:30 p.m. The following items will be put on hold, awaiting the City Attorneys' return: Sand Filter, County Ordinances, review ordinances and Memorandum of Understanding.

Red Ants Pants Festival – Sarah Calhoun spoke with the council concerning the upcoming Red Ants Pants events which will begin July 27th with the street dance on Main Street. Open containers will be allowed the same as last year for the dance. Everything will work pretty much the same as before. May open another avenue to allow traffic to move smoother. They will keep the water trucks watering the dirt roads, set up Porta-Potty's, and have potable water available. Many of the vendors will be the same as in the past. This year Sarah asked the council if the flags could be flown on Main Street during the festival. She said it looks nice and would dress up the town. There was some concern that the flags could be taken or broken off the main poles. Councilman Mike Eby suggested giving it a try. Sarah said that if that happened she would replace them. The Council agreed that the flags could be flown.

Comments on Future Business – Should be getting Future Preliminary Budget back. There were comments that we were late in getting ours in, but the state kept putting audits off and rescheduling so the city had to hire an auditor to help get it done.

Public Comment – There were none.

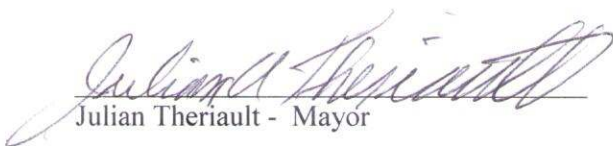
Pay the Bills – Mayor Julian Theriault asked for a motion to pay bills. George Kirkwood made a motion to pay the bills and Mike Eby second the motion.

Discussion – There was discussion on the \$52,000.00 check made out to Mikesell's. Double check to make sure this was not being doubled up so we aren't paying Mikesell's twice. Could bring in a crusher to crush our own gravel. The mayor would like to bring in someone from MT State College to check out our gravel. Someone is interested in purchasing asphalt from the city. Discussion was made as to price, who will load, and how much would we sell. City has quite a bit on hand but does not want to sell too much to cause us to run short.

Mayor Theriault asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sara said 'aye' and all second it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Marlene Wells – Assistant Clerk



Julian Theriault - Mayor