

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ron Coleman
Pattie Berg
Rick Ellison

A. Call 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.

The Mayor asked if there was any public comment. Susie Weitz approached the Council about the ongoing flooding issue, but this time it was not snow piling melting it was due to the micro blast rain that happened last Saturday afternoon and flooding again. Susie Weitz is hoping she can hire a contractor to dig a ditch and install a culvert. The Mayor suggested that she call dig 811 before starting. The Mayor said that there were several reports of high levels of rain through out of town during Saturday afternoon's storm.

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

1. Septic to Sewer – 1st Avenue NW -Design Contract Review/Approve

Discussion and/or Action

Review proposed Design Contract with Gt. West Engineering to address identified issues in the Woodson Addition between Badger Street and Woodson, and First Avenue NW and Central Northwest Avenue regarding septic systems and flooding.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to authorize Mayor to sign Design Contract as proposed or amended OR, Move to continue this to another meeting.

The Mayor, Council, Susan Wordal, and Great West Engineering (Collette Anderson & Craig Erickson) reviewed the septic to sewer design contract. The Mayor asked about the four home owner grant application (up to \$10,000 per home grant). Craig Erickson said that the homeowners would have to request reimbursement from an invoice from the City through grant application process. The Mayor asked about the 20 hrs of Technical Service and if it was included in the cost. The initial 20 hrs of Technical Services, about \$3,000 is included in the costs. The Council agreed to move ahead on a plan by Great West Engineering to connect the home owners along 1st Ave NW to the City Sewer System. The plan is to install grinder pumps at each home owners and then use a charged/pressurized line to move the sewage up to the nearest regular sized sewer line. The total project cost would be approximately \$260,000, then minus the (\$3,000+\$30,000+49% loan forgiveness) would leave an approximate \$100,000 project. Task Order #8 would cost the City an estimate of \$81,000 SRF. Rick Ellison motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Task Order #8 Design Contract as proposed. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. Craig Erickson said that he would like to get together with the three home owners and explain the process of the DNRC grant reimbursement and also help for them fill it out.

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

1. Resolutions 2023- 2, 2023-3, 2023-4: Planning Grants for a Wastewater PER, Stormwater PER, and Parks Master Plan. – Great West Engineering

Discussion and/or Action

Discuss and consider for approval 3 resolutions authorizing submission of applications for planning and Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) to MECP and commitment of matching funds for:

- a. Wastewater PER
- b. Stormwater PER
- c. City Parks Master Plan

These resolutions incorporate informal discussions from prior meetings as to the need to address wastewater, stormwater and the City Parks to provide needed infrastructure and other support in these identified areas.

Accept Public Comment

Motion: Move to approve Resolutions 2023-2, 2023-3 and 2023-4 authorizing submission of applications for PERs and commitment of matching funds if grants are approved. OR Move to continue to another meeting.

The Mayor, Council, and Susan Wordal discussed the Planning Grants that are available for the City. There was a discussion on the Planning CIP that includes the Street Study (PASER) evaluation of data. The next Parks Advisory Committee meeting is July 11th. It was agreed to wait until the second meeting in July to have more information and discuss the Planning Grants. Craig Erickson will have Resolution 2023-2, 2023-3, and 2023-4 ready for the Council meeting July 18th.

2. Application for Street Closure and Open Container– 1st Ave NE between Main & Hampton – Wedding of Kate Martin

Discussion and/or Action

Consider approval of application for street closure and Open Container Waiver for 1st Ave. NE between Main and Hampton for wedding.

Accept Public Comment

Motion: Move to grant a street closure for the 1st Ave NE between Main and Hampton and open container waiver for wedding.

Josh Manning approached the Council to request a street closure and open container waiver. Josh Manning presented the below safety event letter, City Street Closure Application & Permit, Map, Street Sign Loan Agreement, and Open Container Waiver Application for Council approval.