

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting and work session of the City Council was held on August 15, 2023 at 6:00 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 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. HRDC Community Needs Assessment Presentation – Dean Williamson – Terry Taylor

Discussion and/or Action

Receive presentation from Dean Williamson/Terry Taylor as to HRDC Community Needs Assessment completion. Answer questions.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: (any motion dependent upon presentation and actions deemed appropriate by Council.)

Terry Taylor, representing HRDC, said that every three years Counties do an assessment by HRDC this comes from the CDBG grant. Terry Taylor handed out the 2022 Community Needs Assessment. Right now, they are drafting the 2023 HDRC Strategic Plan, feedback gathering for outcomes and solutions and a final draft to be shared no later than December 2023.

2. Resolution 2023-8: Montana Department of Transportation – Ted Jones – Discontinuance of 5th Avenue SW between Hancock Street and Garfield Street

Discussion and/or Action

Consider Resolution 2023-8 requested by Montana Department of Transportation as to discontinuance of 5th Avenue SW between Hancock and Garfield Streets. This is a continuation from the Public Hearing and approval of the request from April 18, 2023.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2023-8.

This is the final document, Bart LaMont is on Zoom. No discussion on this matter.

Lee Blanchard made motion to approve Resolution 2023-8, Ron Coleman seconded.

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

1. Presentation by Kelly Huffield – Race for this Place – proceeds going to the New Animal Shelter

Discussion and/or Action

Receive presentation from Kelly Huffield as to final results of Race for this Place and accept any proceeds for the City's New Animal Shelter.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to accept proceeds as donation to City's New Animal Shelter.

17th annual Race for this Place, the money raised is being donated to the Animal Shelter, 90 financial donors. The race is in the morning and BBQ in the evening, there was 85 sponsors this year.

Hoping that next year the money can go to the parks for playground equipment. \$25,000.00 is the amount being donated. Kelly Huffield is requesting the City to set up a special account just for this money. Marc Pryor stated that the money will help with the interior of the building such as electricity and water, the building should be here next Friday. The animals will be comfortable and safe. A spreadsheet will be made up to show cost and how the money is used.

Pattie Berg made a motion to accept proceeds as a donation to City's New Animal Shelter and be put into a separate fund, Lee Blanchard seconded as amended.

2. Sewer Main Tap Application – Owner request to install new line -- Brent Beckman

Discussion and/or Action

Consider request filed by Brent Beckman of 104 Houston Street to remedy a sewer issue, and review by Gt West Engineering as to feasibility of proposal or alternatives.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Motion to authorize property owner to proceed with new line installation; OR, Motion to authorize Gt West Engineering to submit design for City to install replacement; OR, Motion to continue discussion.

The homeowner has submitted a sewer line application to run own service line to tie with the main.

The owner has this property on the market and wants to be able to disclose that there is no water/sewer problems. Great West informed that this would need to be Engineered and DEQ approved. The City employee's could do this project without hiring a contractor. Time frame is about a week for Great West, a week to 10 days for DEQ, the City crew 2 days. Should have project done by end of September.

Pattie Berg made a motion to authorize Great West Engineering to submit a design for City to install, Ron Coleman seconded.

3. Presentation of Audit Report for FY 2021-2022

Discussion and/or Action

Consider Audit Report from Strom and Associates.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: (any motion dependent upon recommendations in audit and actions deemed appropriate by Council.)

The last page of Audit Report prior year finding status 3 in 2021, the current fiscal year 2021-2022 no finding. Page 29 regarding MMIA and Workman's Comp. The Cities Workman's Comp is Montana State Fund not MMIA.

Lee Blanchard makes a motion to accept the Audit Report as discussed, Ron Coleman seconded.

4. Consider Possible Purchase of 2004 Ford Truck for City Public Works.

Discussion and/or Action

Discuss purchase of 2004 Ford Truck with welder, air compressor, generator, and service box for \$18,000. Bid process or single source question.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to authorize Mayor to purchase 2004 Ford with accessories. OR, Move to solicit bids before purchase.

Council members received information about a pickup truck, this comes with welder, a box, generator, air compressor. The purchase price is listed at \$21,500.00 but will be sold to the City for \$18,000.00 since the City has purchased other equipment from this seller. Pattie Berg is requesting a Carfax report on this vehicle.

Lee Blanchard made a motion to authorize Mayor to purchase a 2004 Ford with accessories pending Carfax report and with visual inspection, Ron Coleman seconded.