

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on August 1, 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-- Absent  
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.

Carrie Sibley (411 E Larime) representing herself and numerous individuals, City Ordinance and Resolution does not address the previous culverts and city right ways that were put in 50-60 years ago by landowners with City's permission should be the City's responsibility. Carrie heard that the City was going to bring Engineers in to remove the culverts. Carrie feels that Engineers should make sure that there is no water damage further down the road before culverts are removed. The next concern is signage within the City, the Stop sign behind Town Pump hit last year laid in snow for 3 months, ruined with rust. Not proper etiquette. No dumping of snow sign, laid in snow for long time till a resident picked up. The City put up a wood sign instead of putting up the original metal sign. The Stop sign at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and Washington Street was hit laid in ditch for long time, sign was put back up, but the post was not straight. The sign at Washington Street moved to Larmie Street was backwards and not level thought someone from City would be back to fix but did not. City cones, 2021 water break between alley Monroe and Larime Street was flooded with water, son Charlie's vehicle (407 E. Larime) was sinking down a sink hole, sink holes in the area asked for gravel to fix, 1 load of dirt and 1 load of gravel. Carrie and Charlie bought gravel and dirt to fix. Asked for signs or cones for the area but have been denied by Mayor, Mayor stated he was never asked about this by anyone. Mayor advised complaints need to be brought to clerks at City Hall to be relayed to the appropriate people, not to Rocky.

### E. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. May 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and Work Session  
*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*  
Lee Blanchard made a motion to Accept Minutes, Ron Coleman seconded.
2. June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session  
*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*  
Rick Ellison made a motion to Accept Minutes, Lee Blanchard seconded.
3. June 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Session  
*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*  
Lee Blanchard motioned to Accept Minutes, Ron Coleman seconded.
4. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session  
*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*  
Minutes not ready for approval
5. July 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Session and Work Session  
*Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended*  
Minutes not ready for approval

## **F. Receive/Accept Reports**

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

None to report

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

Review report, 16 new cases, 9 closed, 1 citation out of town person rest were locals

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

None to report

4. City Engineer's Report - Great West Engineering

Craig, wrapping up phase 3 TSEP Grant, Mayor has talked to Terry regarding O&M and the as built will get this to us.

5. Public Work's Report - City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton

Matt gave a report: fixing potholes, cleaning out culverts and have been digging up sewer lines. Manhole by church is made of brick, will need to have Great West come out to look at this to design a new manhole to fit. Manhole was filled in with millings and has not moved since.

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

None to report

7. Parks Committee Report – Jennifer Frazer

None to report

8. Meagher County/City Housing Project Report – Jackson Rose

Terry Taylor reporting, Housing committee had 4 meetings throughout the winter last one was in May.

Working on putting together a report on what they are going to do for short-term and long-term housing.

Terry gave a handout to everyone with a general timeline of the next steps. County/City/ Schools were to

split funds but has not committed to this. Mayor and Council Members received an email from Dean

Williamson from HRDC regarding a Community Needs Assessment, Terry Taylor will find out more about this email

9. Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

None to report

## **G. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Action**

### **1. Septic to Sewer – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW - Funding Options Discussion/Plan**

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from July 3 meeting: Based on approval of Task Order #8 from Gt. West

Engineering as to design, continue discussion as to funding options and process.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: (Motion depends on results of discussion)*

Ryan was here and did Site Survey about 2 weeks ago. Craig with Great West met with Adam Stenseth, Barbara Heggen, and Al Nyhart. Got applications started and their signed authorization to complete and submit application on their behalf. Jessica is working on a technical memo for the project once that is completed, possibly by the end of the week, Craig can submit the application.

Then can work on the SRF application. Objective is still to have project done before winter. Will let Mayor know when applications are submitted. MCEP documents received and will be submitted.

### **2. Acknowledge Receipt of Annexation Request and Forward to Planning Board – Bruce Lay**

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from July 18 meeting: Review and Acknowledge receipt of Annexation Request filed by Bruce Lay for 2 acres just north of Badger St. West. Lot is an irregular shape without streets or other connections. Council to develop a list of questions or issues and refer the request to the City/County Planning Board in accordance with the City Annexation Policy for review and a formal work session to determine a recommendation as to approval with or without special conditions.