

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on April 4, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
Rick Ellison

A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

D. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. February 7th Meeting – Regular Session

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

2. February 15th Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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3. March 7th Meeting – Regular Session

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4. March 15th Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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The Mayor said that the minutes will wait until the next meeting in May.

E. 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.

F. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

Sheriff, Jon Lopp, asked if the Council received the COMM Report and if there was any comments or concerns. There was a discussion on how to get a catering permit when alcohol is involved. Anyone catering alcohol outside of their establishment must get a catering permit through the Sheriff's Office, they need to be sponsored by someone and have permission.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

City Judge, Lori Sorenson, provided the February and March Citation Activity Report and Monthly Case Statistics. Judge Sorenson went to the District meeting last week and touch on courtroom safety, having a ringer, buzzer, or bell notification when the courtroom door opens to alert when someone enters the room. There was a discussion with the City Judge, Mayor, and Council on finding budget funds from facilities maintenance to fund a door, hand railing, and

steps, the cost could be around \$2,500-\$3,000, when the weather gets nicer and funds are there it could be done this fiscal year possibly. Judge Sorenson reported that she is making progress on the community service program but still is looking for a female volunteer supervisor for the program.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

The Mayor said that Fire Chief, Sam Peeler, would not be able to attend this evening's meeting, there was a bird that had hit the powerline that caused a fire, so he just got back at 6:00 pm. Last year the Fire Department reported having the first wildland fire on April 2 and they are concerned about how dry it is already and the fire season this year may look like it did last year unless they get a tremendous amount of moisture.

4. City Engineer's Report

The Mayor said that Heather Harrington and Craig Erickson worked on getting an USDA user account so that he could set authority permissions of Great West Engineering to be able to submit the RD grant in the City's behalf.

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

Rocky Vinton said that the City Crew went up to Willow Creek, it is running like it does in the summertime, the turbidity is up, and Willow Creek is offline for now but hope to have it back up and running once that clears. Rocky Vinton said that hopefully in May he will be set up to take his CDL in either Great falls or Lewistown. Jake Gregory and Marc Pryor went to Rural Water and took classes to receive some needed CECs and in May they will take the water test in Helena to be certified. The new Asphalt Zipper to resurface the City streets arrived today. Rocky Vinton will be going to Choteau for training before beginning work on the streets. The first cell at the lagoon has turned early of which is good, so there will be a smell in the air, cell two is looking good, and cell three is clearing up. The new City Public Works Ford 350 Crew Cab has been working well. The City Crew said that they will be replacing and installing the hydrant by the Tennis Court in a couple of weeks. Marc Pryor said that there is about 23 more water meters to replace.

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

Marc Pryor said that it has been a busy month. There was one citation given, it was a 3rd time dog. A dog attacked/charged that was given a citation warning. There was a dog bite and it required stitches, it involved an individual that was trying to break up a dog fight. A warning citation was issued for a dog at large at the school grounds, the same dog has been seen off of a lease several times and knows if it happens again it will be a citation. There were two deer carcasses to remove and dispose. There were two barking dog complaints and no citations were written, the time of the day was not a violation of the City ordinance code book. There was one dog rescue.

7. Parks Committee Report – Pattie Berg

Jen Frazer discussed the signs for McStravick Park-Court Rules and Regulations and the Pump Track. There was a discussion on the Park Reservation/Rental application and possibly charging a clean up fee. There was a discussion on the Adopt-A-Spot, volunteer forms, and how it would be like the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Residents could sign up to Adopt A Spot to clean up areas in the City Site Locations like:

City Hall (front landscaping beds)

Bair Park (sign flower bed)