

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on December 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ron Coleman – via zoom
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. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. November 6th Regular Session

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

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve or reject the Regular Session minutes from November 6th as presented. Pattie Berg motioned to approve the Regular Session November 6th minutes as amended. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. Pattie Berg Aye, Lee Aye, and Ron Coleman via zoom Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. November 21st Regular Session and Work Session

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

The Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve or reject the Regular Session and Work Session minutes from November 21st as presented. Lee Blanchard said he would abstain as he was not there. Ron Coleman, via zoom tonight, has been out of Town taking care of his wife and had not seen the minutes. This will be postponed until the January meeting.

F. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

The complaint report was received by the Council members. Lee Blanchard said that it looks like November was a busy month, with hunting season, weekend visitors that get intoxicated, theft, and deer accidents. The Mayor said that they are working submitting the encroachment application to MT Dept. Transportation to place the three Speed Feedback Signs in White Sulphur Springs for use of vehicle radar signs with a maintenance agreement. The Mayor said that with City funds and possibly a Town Pump grant (of up to \$8,000) which should be able to pay for the three signs for \$9,000. Jon Lopp mentioned a Bair Grant if the Town Pump Grant is not awarded. The Mayor said that they will see what happens with the Town Pump grant and how much it would be for, the offer of the three signs is good until December 31st. There was a mention of keeping more of an eye out for traffic with motor vehicles not stopping for stop signs and making it dangerous situation for others in the road.

2. Public Work's Report

Rocky Vinton reported that:

1. Worked on sewerline on Houston ,water turn on hauled pit run
2. Repaired culvert on Houston ,hauled sand ,locates
3. Worked on Houston sewer,water shut off
4. Sewer samples,quarterly and monthly ,worked on sewer line
5. Put pressure reg on hydrants,shut water off from tank,did water conection on main line east of town
6. Met with rural water mayor ,core and main ,dug grave
7. Back filled and compacted Houston sewer
8. Sewer and water samples,hauled load sand,cleaned yard as it was a sample day
9. Worked on Houston sewer line ,water shut off ,back filled and compacted
10. Read meters ,water shut off ,hauled load pit run ,back filled and compacted
11. Houston sewer line back filled and compacted,hauled pit run
12. Patched pot holes,water shut off
13. Sewer line on Houston back filled compacted and hauled loads of pit run
14. Finished Houston sewer compacted and cleaned street and signage.YAHOO!!!!
15. Turned water valves off so they could do water tie in on 4th and folsom for hospital
16. Worked on shop walls so they could wire and put in heaters
17. Worked on shop walls
18. Worked on shop walls ,patched ,water shut off

They are working on the installation of the new propane tank (going to keep the older tank also) and electricity (about 50%-60% done) for both shops. Right know they are using portable heating units to keep the sewer jetter warm. Lee Blanchard asked if the crew was going to do more work on the road by Mathis Food Farm (Houston Street). Rocky Vinton said he was playing on graveling and blading it, to smooth out and hold the street until springtime to do more work on the street with millings. The sinking manhole by the Catholic Church a new manhole will be ordered and it will be replaced.

3. City Court Report – Judge Lori Sorenson

City Judge, Lori Sorenson, handed out the November Activity Report. Lori Sorenson reported a really busy month with 70 citations and learning more about the Clerk side of her job that she was not trained to do at Judge's Conference before. At the beginning of the year there was approximately \$41,579 owed to the Court with fines and by the end of November it was brought down to about \$18,125. The cases that are over 10 years old will not be able to be collected and will have to be written off. The Judge's door should be installed tomorrow.

4. City Engineer Report – Jessica Salo & Craig Erickson

The following report summarizes the status of current and on-going work being performed by Great West Engineering for the City of White Sulphur Springs under the agreement for professional services for on-call engineering services dated February 7th, 2022. Status reports for each project are summarized below by task order.

Task Order 2: Water System Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) This project includes the study and report phase (PER document), design, bidding, and construction for replacement of the 12-inch water transmission main from the existing storage tank to about 4,000 feet to the west through the Castle Mountain Estates subdivision.

The PER has been completed and submitted to the City and Rural Development (RD) for review as it is a requirement of RD to review the PER as a condition of providing a planning grant for the study. As of 11/30, RD has indicated they are finishing review of the PER. Once the review by RD is complete and comments addressed, the City can adopt the PER and apply for the loan and loan forgiveness for the project. Requests for reimbursements for the PER can also be made when the PER is finalized.

Great West is currently in the design phase for the transmission main with survey and base mapping complete and development of a plan set in progress. Great West has also prepared the Uniform Application for submission to SRF with finalized PER. The cost estimate for the transmission main project is \$1.3 million. The anticipated funding strategy for the transmission main project is as follows: