

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on December 6, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
Stacy Menard
Lee Blanchard

A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

D. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

The Mayor said that the minutes will be tabled until the January 3rd meeting.

1. October 4th Meeting – Regular Session

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

2. October 19th Meeting – Regular Session

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

3. November 1st Meeting – Regular Session

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

4. November 16th Meeting – Regular Session

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

5. November 16th Meeting – Work Session

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

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 were any questions or concerns. Jon Lopp said that November was an average month for the Sheriff Department. There was only two search and rescues that went for a while and no slide offs. Jon Lopp said that they did receive a grant and donations for a drug K-9 dog so it will not cost the taxpayers anything. The K-9 dog will go thru 12 weeks of training in March and then will be ready to go to work after that. They also received a grant for a kennel to go in the back of the vehicle, donations for food supplies, concrete and kennel and vet services. There are nine people going thru for the Ambulance training. Deputy John Gearheart graduates the academy later this

month and will be back to work in Meagher County on the 17th. There is currently no Highway Patrol Officer for the County but periodically there is a neighboring District Highway Patrol Officer that stops by the office about once a week. It was asked if Jon Lopp had reviewed the Marijuana Ordinance yet, Jon Lopp said that he has not yet. It was asked if there were any marijuana dispensaries in town. Jon Lopp said that there are not currently any.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

The Mayor asked if the Council received the City Court for citation activity report citations issued for November. The Council looked over the handout.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

Sam Peeler said that the fire calls have gone down to what they normally are. There was a flowerpot fire, a couple of businesses having a kitchen grease fire this summer all with minimal damage. The Fire Marshall investigated both cases. Sam Peeler said that they received a grant that was applied for last springtime for the second half of the battery extrication equipment. After all of the fires last year there were a couple of people interested in training to be a volunteer firefighter, so they have been busy training them up. There was a discussion on writing grants and needing help to apply for them. There is a grant that is available, but it would have to be filled out and applied by the December 17th deadline. Pattie Berg said that she would be available to help if needed. It was asked if there will be a firework show in January for the New Year celebration. Sam Peeler said that the fireworks are being stored with the dealer now until they were needed. There is some concern that there would not be enough volunteers to help set up and light the fireworks, and it would depend on the weather in January, the fireworks can't get wet.

4. Library Report – Jessica Ketola

There was not a library report available.

5. City Engineer's Report – City Engineer Terry Threlkeld

The City Engineer is on vacation.

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

Rocky Vinton reported that the City Crew did get some of the patching done before the snow came. The City Crew did get some of the hydrant parts but are still waiting on more parts for the hydrant on the corner of 2nd Ave NE by Mark McDaniel's home. Rocky Vinton said that when you put a load on the service trailer, like the Sewer Jetter, the transmission has started to slip once in a while. Rocky Vinton said that he did find two 20 ft containers for storage of equipment like the lawn mower, but they are expensive, about \$5800 per. Rocky Vinton said that they are hard to locate but he will try to find some cheaper ones. Rocky Vinton said that so far the lagoons are doing good and within the allowed limits. Rocky Vinton said that he has his CDL driving part setup to take on January 20th in Lewistown. Marc Pryor and Jake Gregory are scheduled to have their physical on December 23rd. Marc Pryor and Jake Gregory are studying to take the written test by February 7th to have a learner's permit. If they wait until after February 7th then they will be required to take classes. Rocky Vinton said that he is looking for a generator and switch. Rocky Vinton said that it took about 7 years to get lights in the shop and they work really well. The tennis court paneling was brought up in how long it has been since asked (December 2020) to schedule this pick up with Tom Wyatt, go up to Bozeman, and pick up the paneling and bring it back to White Sulphur Springs. The current City Crew trucks are not reliable enough and Ron Coleman has been looking for a dually dump truck that could haul a trailer, but they are hard to find. The Parks Committee is planning on having the tennis court up and running by Memorial Day in May. There was a discussion on having a shipping company