

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on January 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg  
Ron Coleman  
Rick Ellison  
Lee Blanchard

### **A. Call Regular 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 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 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 15<sup>th</sup> as presented. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve the November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Regular Session and Work Session minutes as presented. Rick Ellison seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 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 December 5<sup>th</sup> as presented. Pattie Berg motioned to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Regular Session Minutes as presented. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

3. December 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

Not ready yet.

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

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

The Mayor and Council reviewed the Meagher County Sheriff's Office Complaint Report month of December.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

Judge Sorenson handed out the December the citation activity and case statistics reports. Judge Sorenson has worked through and cleaned up the old past hearings without result cases, having

started at 109 cases, but unfortunately a lot were dismissed due to time constraints and had to let them go at a loss, leaving 21 active cases left.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

None.

4. City Engineer's Report - Great West Engineering

None.

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

Rocky Vinton said that the City Crew had a week of non-starting vehicles during the cold snap and now they are behind on the snow plowing. Rocky Vinton said that this last years water/sewer sampling was good with no violations reported. The 1990 white truck is down and in need of repairs (the axle broke, shaft will need to be fixed, along with clutch repairs, and it will need new tires), it is at Berg's Garage now getting a bid on the cost to fix it. Rocky Vinton will be looking for a replacement truck if it is not feasible to fix the white truck. It was suggested to look on the State Auction website in March or to attend the Auction Sale Billings in August/September.

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

Marc Pryor said that no citations have been issued, probably this is due to the colder weather. He has trapped/disposed/harvesting of the 13 of the allotted 25 deer management season that goes from December 15<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion about stray animals, people picking them up or not, and the process/procedure that needs to followed through per Resolution #634, instead people should call the authorities if you see a stray animal.

7. Parks Committee Report – Jennifer Frazer

The next Parks Advisory Committee meeting will be on Thursday. In December, the City was one of five agencies selected by the Montana Access Project to participate in a funding "Pitchfest", the group selected "Spike's Happy Trails" as the project to pitch. It was videoed and will be on YouTube if anyone would like to watch it.

8. M.C. Housing Committee Report – Jackson Rose

None.

9. Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

Racheal Wahlstrom reported that there was a change in the library board, Elton Lee stepped down because of being in Mexico the winter months and Shannon Graham will be replacing him. The new book loan system, Partners, went live on December 23rd and they have sent out about 200 books so far. They are officially starting up on HOOPLA in February where people can borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen, your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV. All you need is a library card. HOOPLA puts your public library at your fingertips anytime everywhere.