

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on July 20, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg  
Ron Coleman  
Stacy Menard  
Lee Blanchard

Mayor Rick Nelson asked the Council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes. table this. Stacy Menard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

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

#### 1. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Regular Session

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

Mayor Rick Nelson asked the Council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes. Pattie Berg motioned to accept the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular minutes as presented. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

#### 2. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Work Session

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

Mayor Rick Nelson asked the Council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes. Lee Blanchard motioned to accept the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session minutes as presented. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

**B. 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.

### C. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions

#### 1. Ratify Approval for Amending the Farmer Market Street Closure Schedule during Red Ants Pants Weekend – Meagher County Chamber of Commerce

Ratify the approval, from the July 6, 2021 meeting, of the amendment to the original Street Closure Application submitted for the Farmer's Market for the weekend of the Red Ants Pants festival. Thursday (July 22) from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday & Saturday (July 23 & 24th) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Possible Motion:*

*Move to ratify the July 6, 2021 approval of the amendment to the Street Closure Permit for the weekend of the Red Ants Pants Festival.*

Stacy Menard motioned to ratify the July 6, 2021 approval of the amendment to the Street Closure Permit for the weekend of the Red Ants Pants Festival. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

**2. Appointment of Planning Board Member (1-year unexpired term)**

Continuation of the discussion and/or action regarding the appointment of a new City representative on Consolidated City/County Planning Board to fill a vacant seat

*Possible Motion:*

*Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Consolidated City/County Planning Board.*

The Mayor said that the City received one letter of interest for the Planning Board Member. Terry Taylor submitted a letter of interest via email.

*Good morning,*

*I am writing to express my interest in being on the Consolidated City-County Planning Board.*

*My involvement with the real estate market and needs of both the City and County residents makes it very important to me to be a part of the planning for your community.*

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Terry Taylor*

*406-580-9570*

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The Mayor asked if there was a motion to fill the vacant position of Rick Seidlitz and appoint Terry Taylor to the Consolidated City/County Planning Board. The Mayor and Council discussed the appointment and agreed to table this item until the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and request that she attends the next Agenda meeting to answer any questions that the Council may have. Pattie Berg motioned to table this until the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Stacy Menard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

**D. New Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions**

**1. Housing Study Update – Jackson Rose/Tracy Menez**

Discussion on the progress of the Housing Study and any expectations moving forward.

The Mayor asked if Tracy Menez from HRDC was on with zoom to give an update on the progress of the Housing Study. Tracy Menez said that the Housing Working Group, Ann Scargill, Cal Moore, Judy Berg, Maggie Buckingham, Nicolle SereDay, Shannon Graham, Bill Bryan, Leanne Bodell, Jackson Rose, the City of White Sulphur Springs, Meagher County Commissioners, and the Meagher County Stewardship, for the Housing Assessment HRDC have been meeting since May. The group have spent time in town assessing the housing needs and analyzing the graphic data for the area concerning income levels, household sizes, available property for redevelopment or rehabilitation. Tracy Menez will have the draft report document to the City and County by July 28<sup>th</sup> and will give them two weeks to review it and then two weeks for corrections before releasing it to the public. In October they hope to have public meetings, hosted by the Meagher County Stewardship Council and HRDC, with free food, to give attendees an opportunity to review the Housing Needs Assessment, discuss the draft report document, and react to its findings. The Housing Action Plan provides community members with the opportunity to review housing needs, prioritize needs, review successful strategies implemented by peer communities, select strategies for meeting community needs, develop an implementation strategy, assign roles and responsibilities, and create a mechanism for measuring progress toward identified desired outcomes.