

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on July 05, 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
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.

Steve Hicks let the Council know about his disappointment in the new business license requirement. He felt bad coming forward but thought he needed to. He thinks he will get zero back from the fee and that the city is simply just raising extra revenue. He has never made \$5,000 or sometimes even \$400, so he thinks the \$25 is a significant charge.

E. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. May 2nd Meeting – Regular Session

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

Councilperson Lee Blanchard motioned to accept the meeting minutes as presented and Councilperson Ron Coleman seconded

2. June 6th Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

Councilperson Rick Ellison motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Councilperson Pattie Berg seconded

F. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp
2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson
3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler
4. City Engineer's Report – Great West Casualty
5. Public Work's Report - City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton
6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

Animals are being received and retrieved in less than 24 hours. There is a new hatch at the pound to open so that animals can go in and out at will. Councilperson Berg asked about skunks, but no skunks have been reported thus far.

7. Parks Committee Report – Pattie Berg

Jennifer Frazer would like to meet with Mayor Nelson and Councilperson Berg about the tennis court so everyone is on the same page and because they cannot figure out how the parking lot is configured. She also would like to discuss what is going on at Bair Park since no bids were received for the work that was being advertised. Mayor Nelson said they can extend their bid process so that the person who wanted to, can. The Parks Committee will have to decide to extend this and then bring it back to the Council to let them know what they decide. 2 Parks seats expired July 1, 2022, and they have not filled the one vacant position. Current members may reapply. An Ad will run in the paper for these openings.

8. Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom

G. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions

1. Cemetery Board Request

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from June 6th meeting. Cemetery Board is requesting assistance from the city road crew to help clean up the cemetery. Discuss request and receive input as to present ability of City Road crew to assist with this project.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to authorize City Road crew to assist in clean-up of cemetery; OR, Move to defer request until after priority projects are completed.

Penny Plachy, Cemetery Board Member, Angie Egeler, Board Member and Amanda Clayton, Sexton presented. They noted that Jeremy spoke with Rocky regarding cutting some tree limbs down. They also would like to have the roads done but the gentleman wanting this done is afraid to damage his equipment. Mayor Nelson stated that the county has the same equipment that the city does. Mayor Nelson also stated that the city crew couldn't get to this until November, at the earliest, due to the water project and street repairs. The County is agreeable to whatever it takes to receive help from the city and what the city can do with the trees. Councilperson Ellison asked if some community service could be done at the Cemetery and the committee stated yes.

2. Task Order #2 for Great West: Water System PER

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from May 2nd and June 21st meeting: Agreement for performing work on PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) which is an update and is needed approximately every 5 years as a means of evaluating the City's needs regarding water projects and to qualify for various grants and loans for the work. Discuss any changes recommended by City Attorney.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to Approve/Ratify Task Order #2, the Agreement, for services to prepare a Water System PER for the City; OR, move to authorize Mayor to sign when agreement issues are resolved.

Great West and City Attorney Wordal went through the PER together. They cleaned up language and cleared up some responsibilities and redefined some liability caps. This allows us to sign the contract with Great West and now that the items are adjusted the contract is ready to go. The contract will now have an add-on since Collette pre-signed everything. Councilperson