

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on July 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

Mayor Rick Nelson asked the Council if there is a motion to accept or reject the minutes from the June 7th regular meeting. Pattie Berg motioned to accept the June 7th minutes as presented. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. Mayor Rick Nelson said that the drafted regular minutes and work session minutes from June 22nd are not completed yet.

Public Comment – The Mayor asked if there were any Public Comment and stated that this is the time for individuals to comment on matters falling within the purview of the Council. Please approach the podium, and state your name and address for the record. There will also be an opportunity in conjunction with each agenda item for comments pertaining to that item. Please limit your comments to three minutes. Please refrain from any conversation amongst yourselves.

Receive/Accept Reports

Sheriff's Report – Sheriff Jon Lopp

Chief of Police – Sheriff, Jon Lopp, asked if the Council reviewed the June COMM Report. Jon Lopp said that there was not a fire work display due to the Implementation of Stage 1 Fire Restrictions – Fireworks. Jon Lopp said that the 4th of July weekend went smoothly, most of the 4th of July fireworks were on Sunday with no complaints reported.

City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

City Court Judge, Lori Sorenson, presented the June 2021 report.

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City Court

Judge Sorenson

June City Council Report

07/06/2021

I gained access to the Full Court system on June 10th, They ran a report for me and gave me 112 cases that were not closed out for whatever reason, I have been working on closing them out. So far I have closed 14 cases with 2 of them still owing fines.

Still combing through the file cabinets and going over the case files to see what has been done and what needs to be done. I have located a few so far that needed immediate attention, so I recused myself and handed them over to Judge Lesofski.

June I received:

1 speeding ticket = She mailed a check

2 Disorderly conduct = 1 failed to appear, 1 has an Omni Hearing set for July 26

1 DUI 2nd offense = Initial appearance made today

1 Driving on a suspended license = initial appearance made today

1 Possessing Intoxicating substance over 18 under 21 = OMNI set for July 26

Issued a Bench Warrant for an unpaid fine.

I have completed my CJIN Certification as of today.

As of today I have put in 71 ½ hours starting the 10th

Judge Lori Sorenson

Lori Sorenson said that she will be having a training Judge next week to help.

Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

City Fire Chief, Sam Peeler, did not have a fire report for June.

City Engineer’s Report – City Engineer Terry Threlkeld

City Engineer, Terry Threlkeld, said that he was unable to speak with the SRF agency about the City’s options on the Water Main Project on Lincoln Street. Terry Threlkeld said that he did speak to Rural Development about the funding options available. There will be three types (3 pots, “A”, “B”, and “C”) of Federal ARPA funding available to the City and County to be used for water, sewer, and broadband. The City already submitted the application for pot “A” and recently received half of the grant, the other half will be after a year.

Funding Options	City of WSS	Meagher County	Total
	1/2 now, 1/2 on 7/22		
Pot A (1/2 now, 1/2 7/22)(LFR)	\$ 237,814.00	\$ 361,672.00	\$ 599,486.00
Pot C - Competitive 7-15-2021	\$ 225,412.00	\$ 361,123.00	\$ 586,535.00
Pot B - Minimum Allocation (January 2023)	\$ 291,421.00	\$ 433,287.00	\$ 724,708.00
Match for Minimum Allocation	\$ 59,454.00	\$ 90,418.00	\$ 149,872.00
Total 2021	\$ 463,226.00	\$ 722,795.00	\$ 1,186,021.00
Total 2023	\$ 291,421.00	\$ 433,287.00	\$ 724,708.00

It was suggested to meet with the County Commissioners and work with the City to help fund the needed short fall of approximately \$200,000. The Mayor and Terry Threlkeld will see if they can be on the County’s next agenda and discuss the ARPA funds to see if the County would possibly consider helping the City with the \$200,000 short fall of the water main line transmission funding and submit an application on behalf of the City.

Public Work’s Report - City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton

Rocky Vinton said that the millings streets project would be starting on July 14th. MT Department of Transportation will be working on the road towards Checkerboard and hauling/dumping the millings on the City streets. The City Crew (rented a roller last week) and the County Crew (with 2 blades and a water truck) are working to help spread and roll out onto the projected streets in town. Rocky Vinton said that there are approximately 118 more water meters to be changed out. Land Use permits have picked up with residents building in town and requesting services for water/sewer. Rocky Vinton said that the City Crew is short one guy, JD Walker resigned on June 30th. Ron Coleman said that he would come up tomorrow. Rocky Vinton said that patching is slow now. Rocky Vinton said that the turbidity is still high so the City is not able to use the creek and Sand Filter and is using the City wells. The City had been working with the Forest Service to clear away dead trees, but a private owner stopped the process. Lee Blanchard toured the City Facilities. It was suggested to have some of the Council tour the facilities on July 13th at 9:30 am starting at the City Yard Shop.