

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on March 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
Stacy Menard
Rick Ellison

A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

D. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. February 7th Meeting – Regular Session

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

2. February 15th Meeting – Regular Session

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

3. February 15th Meeting – Work Session

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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 there were any comments or questions about the COMM Report presented to the Council. It was asked if things are good after the school's lock down. The Sheriff said that the school is good but have not been able to find out where the call came from as of yet. Cody Wilson is going to go again for more dog training in April/May with Tank.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

The Mayor said that the City Judge is on vacation.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

City Fire Chief Sam Peeler said that the Firefighters will be working on the extrication equipment, aging lights, and new compressed pump foam equipment from Missoula fire department. The Fire Department did the annual walk through at the school to make sure everything is working properly. There were two calls, one was a chimney fire in town and the other one was a page to go to Martinsdale, but were turned back around because the fire was contained. The Firefighters have been working traffic control during accidents. Fire season could rough again if there is not more snow, rain, and spring run off.

4. Library Report – Jessica Ketola

Jessica Ketola said that in February there were:

New Cards issued - 4

Story Time programs - 6 with 34 attendees

Fun 2 Go Bags – 20 given out

SRP – programs 4 with 40 attendees

SRP Book Giveaways – 12

Reference Questions Answered – 82

1-on-1 Tech Assistance Sessions – 76

Food Bank lbs Donated – 100

Youth Volunteer Hours – 5

Community Room Uses – 16

It was mentioned that community residents from the Senior Center often have technology questions that the library would be able to help with. Jessica Ketola's last day will be March 26th. The Council wished Jessica Ketola well with her move to Texas.

5. City Engineer's Report

The Mayor said that Great West Engineering are currently working on three applications for the City, the CIP, PER update, and replacing the generator. Last week Great West Engineering tour the City's Facilities with Rocky Vinton.

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

Rocky Vinton said that the City has been on Willow Creek for the last 3 weeks, the turbidity is holding for now, but had been fluctuating up and down. There is still ice on the sewer cell lagoons and something has made all three cells go septic and with the warmer weather then colder weather it rolls the sludge bottom and then it starts to smell. Adding more bugs to the lagoon may not help, the sewer water temperature would need to be at least 42 degrees. The City Crew are working on the maintenance program and making an excel spreadsheet for maintenance/inspection records. Rocky Vinton said that the streets are getting soft so unless there is at least 3-6 inches of snow the streets will not be plowed because the streets being torn up.

7. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

Marc Pryor said that there have been 12 deer that have died. Two deer died because of being hit by a vehicle. The other deer that died were tested and the results reported an overdose of barley grain. There have been 3 dog attacks. Marc Pryor had to give a citation and pound fee. Marc Pryor said that there are 89 registered dogs in town.

8. Deer Management Plan – JD Walker

The Mayor said that they finally trapped two deer but they were fawns so they released them. The deer traps were put out December 15 - February 15 on Mondays and Fridays and were monitored. The deer traps will need to be rearranged where the deer can't get to the bait unless they go into the trap, the deer were using their tongues to get to the food. Weather is a huge obstacle with trapping also. FWP asked for the list of residents interested in receiving a deer.