

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 17, 2022 at 6:00 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. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions**

**1. Resolution No. 2022-5 Hard Rock Mining Funds - Request up to \$58,000 For PER Water Update**

Discussion and/or Action

Item continued from May 2, 2022 meeting. Council directed City Attorney to prepare resolution to request use of up to \$58,000 in Hard Rock Mining dollars for a PER update. The PER is a Preliminary Engineering Report, which is required as a qualifying document to seek certain grant funds and must be updated every 5 years or so. Great West is waiting for an update on the USDA Rural Development grant, which may reduce the overall amount needed in Hard Rock dollars for the PER. The PER is a \$50,000 item.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to approve Resolution 2022-5 authorizing the City to request use of up to \$58,000 in Hard Rock Mining dollars for funding a PER update.*

The Mayor said that Great West Engineering (GWE) is on Zoom and will discuss Task Order No. 2 – Water System Preliminary Engineering Report. The PER is a \$60,000 item. Collette Anderson said that the EJCDC Contract is 74 pages. The City Attorney will review the EJCDC contract and make any changes that are needed. Collette Anderson will be looking at the City's water distribution system, treatment, water supply in detail. The water loss and distribution have been a big concern for the City, so they will be doing a water audit, looking the meter data and comparing it to what is being pumped into the system, do be able to identify where the issues are. Another concern was that Willow Creek being off online to the Sand Filter water system and having to use the well pumps for about a year. GWE will evaluate the whole water system, identify any deficiencies, recommend alternatives, and help prioritize the City's water system's needs. Susan Wordal will review the contract and on the next Council meeting the Mayor will ratify his signature. Pattie Berg motioned to approve Resolution 2022-5 authorizing the City to request use of up to \$58,000 in Hard Rock Mining dollars for funding a PER update. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

## **2. Resolution No. 2022-6 Purchasing Options**

### Discussion and/or Action

Item continued from May 2, 2022 meeting. Review and approve Resolution 2022-6 implementing a Credit Card Use Policy as part of the City's Purchasing Policy.

### Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to Approve Resolution 2022-6 establishing a credit/debit card use policy as part of the City's Purchasing Policy.*

The Mayor, Susan Wordal, and Council discussed the purchasing policy credit card use and procedures with the bank swept account. The Mayor said that the two credit cards would be used for parts and the other one for gas and travel. Pattie Berg motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-6 establishing a credit/debit card use policy as part of the City's Purchasing Policy. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

## **3. Open City Vehicle Bids**

### Discussion and/or Action

Continued from May 2, 2022 meeting: open closed bids for 1998 Ford F150 ½ Ton Truck, and award to highest bidder meeting minimum bid price.

### Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to award bid to XXX with bid of \$XX,XXX as highest bidder meeting minimum bid price and authorize City Mayor to execute all necessary paperwork.*

The Mayor said that the City did not receive any bids for the 1998 Ford 150 ½ Ton Truck. The Mayor suggested putting an ad on Meagher County Classifies or on social media like Facebook to see if there is any interest.

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

### **1. Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Truck**

#### Discussion and/or Action

Request from VFD Chief Peeler to inspect and possibly purchase a used Fire Truck using funds from the general fund, capital projects fund or other sources as initial financing, and then, if a truck is purchase, selling an older fire truck and reimbursing those funding sources with the sale amount. Anticipated funds for purchase are \$22,000, anticipated sale amount for older fire truck is approximately \$15,000.

#### Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: 1) Move to authorize VFD to investigate acquisition of used Fire Truck using general fund and capital projects funds, and authorizing purchase for no more than \$XX,XXX. 2) Move to authorize VFD to pursue closed bid process to sell used fire truck upon purchase of replacement, with minimum bid price established at \$XX,XXX.*

The Mayor said that County and Fire Chief went to Bozeman to look at the fire truck and they said that the truck was what they were looking for and measured it to see if it would fit into their building and it would, but as they looked into it further they found a couple of minor oil leaks and it had originally come from an area where they used salt and it at started to show signs of decay. The price of \$22,000 was a good price but it would cost almost that to fix the needed repairs, so they decided to keep looking for another option.