

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ron Coleman
Pattie Berg
Rick Ellison
Lee Blanchard

A. Call 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. WORK SESSION

1. Consider Petition to Annex – Mountainview Hospital

Discussion: Consider Petition to Annex filed by Mountainview Hospital and City/County Planning Board recommendation(s) regarding Petition to Annex.

Accept Public Comment

Motion/Vote to close Work Session

Jess Secrest, Planning Board member, Hospital CEO, Rob Brandt, Hospital's Engineers, City Attorney, Mayor, Jessica Salo, Great West Engineering, and Council discussed the Hospital annexation. There was a discussion on the water main (domestic water), sanitary sewer extensions, the traffic impact study (offsite streets), and the stormwater. Rob Brandt said that they have an easement letter guaranteeing from the Rodeo Grounds for utility easements. Rob Brandt went over the building plans, utility plans, and the traffic study.

The Mayor asked if there were any public comment. Ron Coleman motioned to close the work session. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The work session ended at 7:11 pm.

F. CALL REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING to Order

G. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes

1. April 3rd Meeting – Regular Session
Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended
None.
2. April 18th Public Hearing Meeting and Regular Session
Possible Motion: Move to Accept Minutes as presented or as amended
None.

H. Receive/Accept Reports

1. Sheriff's Report – Jon Lopp – The Council reviewed the April 2023 COMM Report.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson – The Council reviewed the reports handed out. Lori Sorenson attended the Judges Conference last month in Great Falls. Lori Sorenson said that there is a need for mental health assistance. Lori Sorenson said that she recently found out that there are State funds available (but if they are not used then would have to send back the funds to the State), from alcohol sales about (\$25,000 for Providers) that Meagher County receives and that she would like to have a provider in the City that would be able to help individuals in the City facing DUIs, and needing to complete a course that cannot travel because of not having a driver's license.

3. Fire Department Report – City Fire Chief Sam Peeler – Sam Peeler said that he applied for a Bair Grant and received \$7,300 (with a \$1,000 City match) for a SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) fill station to improve firefighter safety. Sam Peeler said that there call volume has gone down the last couple of months. Sam Peeler said that the Volunteer Fire Department assisted a few vehicle fires and a hay stack fire in Martinsdale. The Volunteer Fire Department has been collecting donations for the fireworks show in July.

4. City Engineer's Report – Great West Engineering – Jessica Salo said that they are finalizing the Water System PER update. The CIP community survey outreach material has been collected (about 17 emails, 1 hard copy, and several were mailed). This will be continue shortly.

5. Public Work's Report – City Public Works Supervisor Rocky Vinton – Rocky Vinton said that building materials for the new City Shop will be delivered May 25th. Tomorrow the City Crew will be ripping up Garfield Street and using the grader and blade. The City Crew have been cleaning out culverts and ditches. Rocky Vinton said that he found reasonably priced forks for the loader. The City Crew fixed the air compressor and will be cleaning out potholes and filling them up with asphalt. It was asked how far along are the water and sewer operator certifications. Rocky Vinton said that Matt Swett will be retesting for the water distribution exam and Jake Gregory will be testing for the second water exam (water treatment), by the end of the month. It was asked about the CDL licenses. Rocky Vinton said that they are trying to work on getting the licenses.

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor – Animal Control trapped two skunks and there are a few less deer in Town now. The Spay & Neuter Clinic is June 17th.

7. Parks Committee Report – The next meeting will be May 11th.

8. Meagher County/City Housing Project Report – Jackson Rose – Terry Taylor said that they had a meeting on April 27th and invited Great West Engineering and they discussed City Infrastructure. Jackson Rose said that the next meeting will focus on work force and low income housing.

9. Library Report – Rachel Wahlstrom – The library received the new computers from Triangle Telephone and they are up and running. They are currently down a clerk. The library will be reviewing and updating their policies. Summer Reading is going good. The library will be receiving some award winning books soon.

I. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Formal Consideration of Petition to Annex – Mountainview Hospital

Discussion and/or Action

Consider recommendations from City/County Planning Board and any public comment from Work Session and act on Petition to Annex.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to approve Petition to Annex and bring back a Resolution of Annexation for action at next business meeting. OR, Move to continue to next business meeting.

The Mayor, City Attorney, and Council agreed to approve the petition to annex. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve the petition to annex and bring back a Resolution for Annexation at the next meeting. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The area was discussed and tentatively named it Mountainview Medical Center Addition.

2. Bid Award for Backup Generator Project with Amendments to Task Order #4 – Gt. West Engineering

Discussion and/or Action

Recommendation of Bid Award to Hard Rock Construction for installation of the backup generator project for a total of \$239,665, allocation of an additional \$57,665 from the City's ARPA LFR funds to cover costs for the project, and Great West Engineering Task Order #4, Amendment #2 to \$30,000 – total increased costs of \$16,000 to cover costs for design and construction of the project.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to Award Bid to Hard Rock Construction for \$239,665, with allocation of \$57,665 from City's ARPA LFR funds to cover costs and Amend Gt. West Engineering Task Order #4 as proposed to cover design and construction costs.

Jessica Salo said that the lowest responsive bidder was Hard rock Road Building and Utilities, Inc. with a bid of \$239,665. The Construction bid of \$239,665 is higher than originally estimated and therefore, the original project budget is not sufficient to complete the project. Funding for the project will be through a combination of ARPA and City funds. The funding project will be satisfied with the following funding package (assuming an increased ARPA LFR contribution of \$57,665). The detailed proposed project budget is ARPA Minimum Allocation \$118,000 ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery \$175,665 and City Local funds \$1,000 for a total of \$294,665. Lee Blanchard motioned to award the bid of Hard rock Construction for \$239,665 with allocation of \$57,665 from the City's ARPA LFR funds to cover costs and amend the Great West Engineering Task Order #4 as proposed to cover the design and construction costs. Rick Ellison seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

3. Judge's Office Door Options

Discussion and/or Action

Consider new options from April 3rd and April 18th discussion as to an exit door. Possible installation of some form of reinforced or security door in place of current door. Discuss whether to authorize Mayor to issue Call for Bids for work.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to authorize Mayor to issue Call for Bids.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the bids. The Mayor thought that it would be better if purchased a door and then the lock and then hire an electrician. This will be tabled until more information is gathered.

4. Snow Removal Policy/Ordinance 2023-4

Discussion and/or Action

Continued item from April 3rd and April 18th: consider Ordinance 2023-4 policy/ordinance language to address concerns as to snowfall, snow removal, and melting issues for residents.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to place on Agenda for May 1st as a Resolution/Ordinance (pick one) OR Move to continue discussion as to language to May 1st.

The Mayor said that he has not received the updated version. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

J. New Business- Items for Discussion and/or Action

1. Annual Monitoring Report Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan - Jackson Rose

Discussion and/or Action

Receive update from Jackson Rose on Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan and related projects or litigation.

Accept Public Comment

Jackson Rose handed out and reported to the Council the Annual Survey and Fiscal Impacts.

K. Comments/Discussion

1. Future Business

2. Mayor's Comments—Rick Nelson

The Mayor said that he and Rick Ellison and Ron Coleman went to the training/discussion with Dan Clark in Big Timber. City/County Clean Up Day is May 13th and the City has the afternoon duty. The Auditors are here auditing 2021-2022 this week. The Mayor said that there was 6-7 inquirers of the Assistant Clerk job, with all 3 that applied being qualified for the job. The Mayor and Ron Coleman did the interviews and rated the answers that Michelle Stidham Clerk-Treasurer had come up with the five questions that all three answered and that person will be starting on May 16th. The Mayor asked about the two light poles that were demolished, Townsend Tire, by the Trucking Company and the Spa Motel, by the Haugan Express and the status of the City being reimbursed. Susan Wordal said that she is looking into the two.

3. Council Comments/Discussion

a. President of the Council—Ron Coleman

City Crew CDL licensing.

b. Council Member—Lee Blanchard

None.

c. Council Member—Pattie Berg

Will be going to the Summit in Townsend with Dan Clark May 18th. Michelle Stidham and the new Assistant Clerk will be going to the Livingston Summit with Dan Clark July 20th.

d. Council Member—Rick Ellison

Nothing else.

L. Council Review of Financials

M. Claims Signing/Motion to Approve the Bills

Pay the Bills

Claim Check #'s 19117-19127 April 19, 2022 thru April 30, 2022 for \$6,820.72

Claim Check #'s 19128-19133 May 1, 2022

Payroll Check #'s 9413-9429 April 16-30 \$21,168.85

04-19-2022 thru 05-01-2022 were presented for Council's approval. The Mayor asked if there is a motion to pay the bills. Rick Ellison motioned to pay the bills as presented. Pattie Berg seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

N. Motion/Vote to Adjourn the Meeting

The Mayor asked the Council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Coleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.



Michelle Stidham—Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor – Rick Nelson