

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Parks Committee Report** – The next meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Meagher County/City Housing Project Report – Jackson Rose** – Terry Taylor said that they had a meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> 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.