

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on May 2, 2022 at 7:00 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. Read & Approve - Accept or Reject Minutes**

1. February 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session

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

Ron Coleman motioned to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session as presented. Rick Ellison seconded the motion. Ron Coleman said Aye. Pattie Berg abstained from vote. Lee Blanchard said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. February 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

This was tabled until next month.

3. March 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session

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

Pattie Berg motioned to accept the March 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Session as amended. Rick Ellison seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

4. March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

Pattie Berg motioned to accept the March 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

5. April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session

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

None.

6. April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Regular Session and Work Session

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

None.

**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 concerns with the Meagher County Sheriff's Office Complaint Report for the month of April. There was a discussion on citizens parking angled and it would be helpful to post parallel parking signs on the street to prevent angle parking.

2. City Court Report – City Judge Lori Sorenson

City Judge, Lori Sorenson, asked if there were any comments with the April Citation Activity Report and Monthly Case Statistics. There was a discussion on the Community Service Program. Judge Sorenson said that citizens that have community service will have to wear an orange jumpsuit with goggles, sign the White Sulphur Springs Community Service Program Community Service Agreement, and pay \$35 for workers comp, when working to fulfill their hours of service. Right now Ron Coleman and Lee Blanchard are volunteering their time to supervise the community service citizens. Judge Sorenson said that Montana Supreme Court has been hailing down the importance of security and safety in Courts. Judge Sorenson said that right now it is not in the budget to purchase a gun safe for her pistol so she will be purchasing it with her own money.

3. Fire Department Report - City Fire Chief Sam Peeler

Fire Chief, Sam Peeler, said that the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department received a \$9,000 Bair Grant with a \$1,000 City fire department fund match to be used for purchasing a newer electric (battery operated) equipment that is both lighter weight and able to effectively work with the newer high tensile steels utilized in the newer equipment. The tool operates with rechargeable batteries which eliminates the gas powered hydraulic pump and controls. Sam Peeler has not heard anything on the FEMA grants. There will be a State basic wild land fire training session this weekend. Sam Peeler reported three incidents with carbon monoxide in the City and one fire caused by a bird hitting a power line in the County. Sam Peeler said that he will have a program with Clayton to service fire trucks twice a year.

4. City Engineer's Report

The Mayor said that the City Engineer's Report will be later in the meeting.

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

The Mayor said that Rocky Vinton is out.

6. Animal Control Report – Marc Pryor

The Mayor said that Marc Pryor is out.

7. Parks Committee Report – Pattie Berg

Jen Frazer handed out printouts for Pump Track and McStravick Court Rules & Regulations, and Adopt-A-Spot Program for community areas around the City.

**G. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions**

**1. HRDC Housing Study/Action Plan Phase 2 - Tracey Menez**

Continued Discussion from April 19<sup>th</sup> and/or Action

a) Review discussion from April 19<sup>th</sup> and continue discussion about using Hard Rock Mining funds (\$7500) for pursuing Phase 2 as proposed.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to direct City Attorney to prepare resolution to join Meagher County in Phase 2 of HRDC Housing Study/Action Plan.*

The Mayor and Council discussed the HRDC Housing Study/Action Plan Phase 2. The Mayor asked if there was a motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution to join Meagher County in Phase 2 of HRDC Housing Study/Action Plan. There was not a motion. All said Nay. It was agreed to not fund the next phase of the HRDC Housing Study as the Council did not see the value for the City in it and there were no guarantees it would lead to any development. Motion was failed.

## **2. Discussion re: Purchasing Options**

Continue discussion from April 19<sup>th</sup> and/or Action

Establish credit/debit card policy based on bank and Council requirements.

Accept Public Comment

*Possible Motion: Move to direct City Attorney to prepare resolution adopting Purchasing Policy.*

The Mayor said that after speaking with MMIA and the Auditor recommended using a credit card as it gives better protections than a debit card. Currently the City Employees often use their own credit card and then would be reimbursed, but the Auditors did not like this process. The Mayor said that the plan is to have one lower limit card that can be used for fuel and hotel when City vehicles are driven outside the City limits and a higher limit card used for the City Shop to order parts for equipment. Susan Wordal will put together Resolution language allowing the set up of the two credit cards, to allow the adopting a credit card use policy as part of the City's purchasing policy. Pattie Berg motioned to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution adopting a purchasing policy. Rick Ellison seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

## **3. Consider The Wraith RC Request – July 16<sup>th</sup> Poker Run Street Closure and Open Container Waiver**

Discussion and/or Action.

Consider The Wraith RC request for a street closure and open container waiver for July 16<sup>th</sup> Poker Run.

Accept Public Comment