

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
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 Action

1. Variance Request – J. Settlemire– Sewer Main Tap

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from October 3rd and November 7th. Council to consider application to tap into sewer main as part of remodel/garage conversion. Issues include determining whether there is a need for waivers of setbacks as this is a corner lot, whether the conversion should be part of the main residence and linked to the main water line or a separate line should be required, whether the sewer tap should also be separate and run into the street, or attached to the residence line, whether the conversion can, therefore, be a full accessory unit with full kitchen/bathroom facilities or a limited unit with only bathroom facilities.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to grant Variance with specified conditions, OR, Move to continue discussion to next date.

The Mayor said that the alley was surveyed and the garage does encroach on the alley by about 12 inches (so with the 3 ft setback it would be encroaching about 4 ft). The Mayor, Susan Wordal, and Council discussed the variance request to turn the garage into an extra dwelling for family. Pattie Berg motioned to allow the 1ft variance plus the 3ft setback to turn the garage into a living dwelling. Susan Wordal said that by remodeling the garage and changing it into a dwelling the owner had lost the grandfathering status of the building in the right-of-away. The Council agreed if you do this variance for one then you would have to do this with others. This could pose a problem as the Hospital is looking at using Garfield Street for an access route to the New Hospital. A motion to allow the variance died for the lack of a second. Ron Coleman motioned to not approve the variance request. Lee Blanchard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. Alley/1st SW Garfield - Impassible (items in the alley)

Discussion and/or Action

Continued from October 3rd and November 8th. The alley located in or near 1st Ave. SW and Garfield has become impassible for vehicular traffic. Presently, it is a garden with junk lining the edges. Consider noticing property owners bordering that alley that the alley needs to be cleared and if not cleared, then authorize clearing the alley by City staff or under contract and billing residents for a share of the cost. Survey should be available for meeting.

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to clear alley if not cleared by residents and either 1) City to absorb the cost, OR 2) property owners to be billed a share of costs.

The Mayor said that the alley was surveyed and the fences along the alley are right in line with where they should be at. The propane tank is about one inch in the right-of-away. The tree and the Triangle Telephone fiber vault are in the right-of-away. The Mayor said that the next step would be to notify the property owners to have them clear out their property that is blocking the City alley. The Mayor has already been talking to Triangle Telephone Communications about moving the vault, they would be able to get this done at springtime. Pattie Berg motioned to take the necessary action to clear the City alley if not cleared by residents and either the City to absorb the cost, or property owners to be billed a share of costs. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

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

1. Christmas Stroll 2022 – Street Closure/Alcohol Waiver

Discussion and/or Action

Consider a request to shut down Main Street from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. on December 2nd for Christmas Stroll 2022. Also, whether to grant an alcohol/open container waiver for the period of the Stroll

Accept Public Comment

Possible Motion: Move to allow Main Street to be closed from 6-9:30 p.m. on December 2nd for Christmas Stroll 2022. Separate Motion: Move to grant an alcohol/open container waiver for the Christmas Stroll.

Secretary of Meagher County Chamber, Patty Campbell, approached the Council to consider a request to close down the whole length of Main Street (from the Bank of the Rockies to Jesse Pepper's Smoke Shack) from 6:00-9:30 pm on December 2nd for the Christmas Stroll and to grant the alcohol open container waiver during that time. They have all of their permits, safety plan, and traffic plan/route, ready. There will be several vendors along Main Street with a hayride at stops. The Mayor said that there would be a possible problem of semitruck traffic fueling at Town Pump and then not being able to get back out. The Mayor said that the closure should run up to 3rd Avenue instead. Lee Blanchard motioned to approve the December 2nd street closure with the traffic route adjustments from 6:00-9:00 pm and waive the alcohol. Ron Coleman seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.