

## City of White Sulphur Springs

The work session meeting of the City Council was held on November 16, 2021, at 6:45 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg  
Ron Coleman  
Stacy Menard  
Lee Blanchard

### Work Session, 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (Starts Directly After Regular Session)

#### **A. Call Work Session Meeting to Order**

#### **B. Council Discussion: Codification Project**

Review Codification Draft, propose changes to Draft WSS Municipal Code based on Memo from Commissioner Berg and Memo from City Attorney Wordal. Schedule 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing on Adoption. Possible discussion of new ordinance repealing current Title 5 Ch. 22 regarding Medical Marijuana in light of I-190.

Council Member, Ms. Pattie Berg, read the old book and highlighted the main issues. City Attorney, Susan Wordal, spoke about standard but not mandated specific penalties that should be necessary. She mentioned that city code (not our record) versus MCA Violation (our record) could go to City Court. This would be left up to the deputy.

The Council Members also talked about 7.1 – Sidewalks, and how they should be the owner's responsibility.

Penalties were discussed and how they should be a municipal infraction plus a general penalty instead of either/or.

Qualifications surrounding continuing education were also discussed. Commissioner Pattie Berg spoke about adding qualifications to this.

Medical Marijuana was passed in Montana but there needs to be definitive provisions surrounding this subject. There are questions as to what is coming out for taxes.

All Codification definitions need to be in the books by the end of the year. They can be passed as an emergency resolution.

Fire Department – Bylaws were taken out of the code book and the current bylaws are needed.

Water – The city is not responsible for water lines to residential properties, only the curb stop to the street. Under the existing code, residential is up to the homeowner. This is a gray area that needs an ordinance clause. The city provides the curb stop.

There also needs to be better language added because if the curb stop fails then the homeowner will be responsible to extend the line to the curb stop.

**H. Comments/Discussion**

1. Future Business

2. Mayor's Comments—Rick Nelson

Mayor Rick Nelson stated that the streetlight that was hit by the semi is to be replaced. This cost will be electrically contracted, and the Sheriff department will need to be notified regarding the insurance on the semi.

3. Council Comments/Discussion

a. President of the Council—Pattie Berg

We need to secure a dump truck or a trailer to pick up the tennis court panels before they freeze down. Department of Commerce resort tax mailer.

b. Council Member—Lee Blanchard

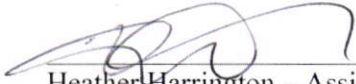
c. Council Member—Ron Coleman

Ron discussed road work – he would like to patch holes and fix hydrants.

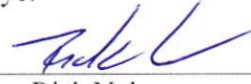
d. Council Member—Stacy Menard

Stacy wanted an update on the water main contract. Bodie did sign the letter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm. All were in favor and said Aye.



Heather Harrington – Assistant Clerk



Mayor – Rick Nelson



Michelle Stidham – Clerk Treasurer