

City of White Sulphur Springs

The regular meeting of the City Council was held on November 16, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Rick Nelson called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Pattie Berg
Ron Coleman
Stacy Menard
Lee Blanchard

A. Call Regular Meeting to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

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. Unfinished Business - Items for Discussion and/or Actions

1. Request to run a water line service on 5th from Houston - Dewey Skelton/Bill Galt

Review completed request from Dewey Skelton/Wm Galt for variance to install a service line to residence without a sufficient water main for a water tap. Conditioned on the installation being at the applicant's expense and the applicant must abandon/remove the service line and connect to a water main in the event a water main is extended to service that area.

Possible Motion: Motion to authorize Mayor to sign Variance with requirement the installation is at the applicant's expense and the applicant must abandon/remove the service line and connect to a water main in the event a water main is extended to service that area.

The Mayor, City Attorney, and Council discussed the request for a variance and map to allow and run a water line service on 5th from Houston. There was a discussion on possibly tapping into the water line that is close under Hwy 360, but the costs of digging into a State Highway and repairing it was not a feasible option until a water main is running around that area. After some discussion the Council agreed to authorize the variance with the below conditions.

Dewey Skelton/Bill Galt Variance Conditions

1. 3/4" service water line extending 130 ft from water main to residence is authorized to be installed between 12 5th Avenue SW and Houston St SW.
2. The approved line is for a single residential use based on the application submitted.
3. Installation, including but not limited to pipe, trenching, and connection, is at the owner's expense.
4. Maintenance of the line is at the owner's expense.
5. Variance, as granted, runs with the land and is specific to the applicant and any subsequent owner of the residence.
6. Variance shall terminate upon:
 - a. Development of surrounding area; and/or
 - b. Installation of a water main or water main extension which brings access closer to residence.

7. Upon termination, applicant/owner or their successor in interest is required to abandon and remove the service line and connect to the new water main or water main extension.
8. A copy of the variance with conditions shall be kept on file at the WSS City Hall and the official map in the Public Works Department shall be annotated to reflect the variance and the location of the installed water service line. A notation will also be placed on the property record on file with the Meagher County Clerk & Recorder's Office.
9. The Approved Variance Application is supplemented with these conditions.

Pattie Berg motioned to approve the variance application with the set conditions. Stacy Menard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

2. Resolution #630 – City accepting the donation of certain identified property belonging to the Short Family for a park/wilderness walk/nature area to be dedicated in honor of Spike Short.

Continued from May 3rd: Final approval of Resolution accepting Short Family property donation for use as "Spike's Happy Trails" park. Accept and authorize Mayor to sign: Deed from Short family to City and Donation Agreement. Note: Deed contains a reversion clause if the property ceases to be used for the benefit of children of all ages but particularly the use and enjoyment of young children.

Possible Motion: Motion to Approve Resolution #630 accepting Short Family Donation and authorizing Mayor to sign Deed and Donation Agreement.

The Mayor, City Engineer, and Council discussed Resolution #630, a resolution of the City of White Sulphur Springs, Montana, accepting the donation of certain identified property belonging to the Short Family for a Park/Wilderness walk/nature area to be dedicated in honor of Spike Short. Stacy Menard motioned to approve Resolution #630. Pattie Berg seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed. The Mayor said that he plans on getting approval after the new year to have a survey done on both the new park and the tennis court at McStravick Park.

G. New Business- Items for Discussion and/or Actions

1. Authorization for Mayor to Issue RFP/RFQ for City Contract Positions

Authorize the Mayor to issue an RFP/RFQ for City Contract Positions for City Attorney, City Engineer, and/or City Planner for a 2 year period. This is a standard solicitation every 2 years.

Possible Motion: Motion to authorize the Mayor to issue an RFP/RFQ for City Contract Positions for City Attorney, City Engineer and/or City Planner for a 2 year contract period.

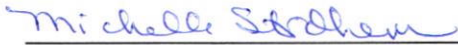
There was a discussion on authoring the Mayor to issue a RFP/RFQ for the City Contract Positions of City Attorney, City Engineer, and or City Planner for the standard 2 year period. There was a suggestion to look into a City Attorney that had both prosecuting and ordinance/resolution experience. Pattie Berg motion to authorize the Mayor to draft and then issue a RFP/RFQ for the City Contract Positions for City Attorney (prosecuting attorney and/or civil law attorney), City Engineer and/or City Planner for a 2 year contract period and have the Council review it before it goes out for advertising. Stacy Menard seconded the motion. All said Aye. Motion carried and passed.

Public Comment

The Mayor said that Kayleen Noland has submitted a land use permit and paid for the water tap and sewer tap fees. The water line was located and water services were tapped in. Kaylan Noland approached the Council about getting some assistance from the City in locating a sewer line near their property. Kaylan Noland said that they have been digging and digging where they were told by the City that the sewer line was nearby and have not been able to locate the area yet.

K. Motion/Vote to Adjourn the Meeting.

The Mayor asked the Council if there is a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stacy Menard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pattie Berg seconded the motion. All said Aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.



Michelle Stidham—Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor – Rick Nelson