

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:
Cm. Shelly Bradford
Cm. Joseph Grillo
Cm. Cody Jones
Cm. Robert Meyer
Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent, Public Work Director Rory Neuman

CITIZENS/VISITORS: Bill Sherwood

APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Grillo made a motion to approve the amended agenda;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Cm. Meyer motioned to approve the January 9, 2017 meeting minutes;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Abstain, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: No one addressed the Council.

REPORTS: Fire Dept., SCWEMS, Water Dept., Zoning, Public Works Dept., HCJPB, Park Board, Cemetery Board, Museum Board, Juvenile Services, CCEDB, CCVC, CCCOG, LEPC

Fire Dept.: Cm. Meyer reported the department had 8 calls last month. He mentioned the U Tube video of a semi truck blow over on the interstate that landed on a Highway Patrol vehicle in our district. Bill Sherwood informed the Council that the sewer at the fire hall had frozen. He called Eagle Plumbing to work on the problem. They jetted and scoped the line finding the pipe separated at the joint and the pipe smashed down. This will be a spring repair. Prairie Dog has ordered the part for the generator so they will be able to open the bay door and have a light in the building during a power outage.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene appointed Judy Redding as the town representative on the SCWEMS Board. The Board has amended FY 2016-17 Budget and will present to the County Commissioners. They are going to do an assessment thru Safe Tech looking for recommendations to better structure the service. The Cobbett Medical Foundation is funding the assessment. Next meeting is in Elk Mountain at 6:00PM on February 21st

Water Department: Superintendent Eastman said that generator at the tanks worked fine during all our power outages and bumps.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rory Neuman told the Council that the Christmas decoration were down for the most part. He had a problem with the pumps tripping at the sewer lagoon on Friday and they are reset. Neuman reported that he had enough Bio Mist for the upcoming mosquito season. The Mayor told him to use it up before purchasing anymore. Neuman received his CDL. With the amount of trash on the trailer he told the Council he would probably have to divide it up and make 2 trips to the landfill.

HCJPB: Rep. Grillo was reappointed to his seat. The Mayor will now be filling in for Rep. Redding. Rep. Heath resigned and her seat will be filled by Kenda Colman. There was a discussion on the terms of the representatives as they both expire June 30, 2017. The Mayor will need to stagger the terms at reappointment. Grillo reported they needed to replace the cutting edges on the loader. They transferred \$30,000 to the Post Closure Fund and will be having a budget workshop at the end of the month. The Mayor said that no date had been set for the meeting with the town's 3 mayors. He reiterated that the Council has already approved Option 4 along with Medicine Bow. The Joint Powers Board has the match to receive closure funds from the State now. There was a discussion on the need to build a replacement fund for the trash truck and a rate increases to the utilities. The discussion included the need to do this by ordinance but after review of the town

code it can be done by motion. Under Title 10 Water and Sewer the Town of Elk Mountain Code 10-1-17 Review of Water Rates gives the Mayor and Council the power to review and revise water rates. Title 4 Public Health and Safety the Town of Elk Mountain Code 4-1-8 Fees and Charges states collection and removal of garbage and refuse shall be as established by the governing body from time to time. **Cm. Grillo made a motion to adjust the current fees with an increase of \$2.50 per month on garbage collection and \$2.50 per month on the base water rate;** Cm. Bradford seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried. The motion made by Cm. Grillo to adjust the rates by ordinance; seconded by Cm. Bradford will be rescinded at the next meeting. **Cm. Jones motioned to pursue Option 4 as a JPB if the meeting doesn't happen with the mayors of Hanna, Medicine Bow and Elk Mountain;** after discussion the motion died for a lack of a second. The HCJPB completed their Financial and Compliance Report Years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 for the State and everything was in order. Copy on file.

Park Board: No report. Clerk Crane asked if the park board should be ask if they would like to do the Easter Egg Hunt but the Mayor said other groups have done it in the past and would probably want to continue.

Cemetery Board: Clerk Crane told the Council she had sent the information to the attorney in an attempt to retrieve the cemetery fund from the Bank of the West. We received release forms which have been signed and returned and should be receiving the money shortly.

Museum Board: Clerk Crane read the minutes of the last meeting. She told the council that the CCSD#2 Recreation Board Grant request has been completed and mailed by deadline.

Juvenile Services: No Report

CCEDB: No Report.

CCVC: Representative Crane gave the Council the Annual Report pamphlet. Everyone is preparing for the Solar Eclipse August 21st hotels are already completely booked in the Casper area and there is a spill over into Carbon County. CCVC has completed their annual audit. The Wyoming Frontier Prison has received \$1M in grant funding to renovate the guard quarters. When this is complete the visitor's council will move into a portion of the building.

CCCOG: The next meeting is in Sinclair. This is the meeting where the legislators attend and give updates on the last legislative session.

LEPC: No one attend the last meeting from here.

Clerk Crane told the Council that Russ Waldner with CP&L will be holding a public meeting on March 7th at 7:00PM to discuss the service in the area and field the residents' concerns.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure Crane explained to the Council that there was an err on the December Treasures Report and that it had been corrected. She furnished the corrected report in the Council packets. Treasurer Crane recommended approving the January Treasurers Report as presented. **Cm. Bradford made a motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried. Crane told the Council that she had contacted Cindy Baldwin about a shortage of property tax collected. Baldwin looked into it and found that Rockies Express Pipeline was assessed in our levy district but the State has placed it in another levy district for 2016 decreasing our revenue over \$20,000.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and approving bills to be paid from January 10th thru February 13th in the amount of \$32,358.93. **Cm. Grillo motioned to ratify and pay the bills from January 10th thru February 13th in the amount of \$32,358.93;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Blakeman Propane, various emails sent thru the month

OLD BUSINESS: Community Center/Phase 1 Update: Clerk Crane said the fire permit has been issued for the new library building. Jennifer Page helped Neuman install the OSB on the ceiling of the new Public Works Building. WyDot loaned the town their scissor level which made the job easier to handle. There is still work to complete on the interior before the town can go out to bid on the heating and electrical.

NEW BUSINESS: Trout Unlimited: Clerk Crane contacted Jeff Streeter with Trout Unlimited about the town being a candidate for river restoration through town. He said we certainly qualified and the process takes about 18 months from conception to construction. Streeter said he would be willing to come and visit with the Council about the process. The Council decided to wait till spring to invite him to present the process.

Fair Board Ad: **Cm. Grillo made a motion to purchase the \$15 Business Card Ad in the Carbon County Fair Book;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carried.

WAM-JPIC: WAM has nominations open for 3 positions on the JPIC Board. No interest was shown by the Council to nominate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor