

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, January 08, 2024, 6:30 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**Meeting called to order: Mayor Morgan Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Roll Call:** Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent: Cm. Wade Nelson

Also present: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director and Heidi Hess, Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests Present: Representative Bob Davis, Brett Larson, Ken Casner, Joe Lansing, County Commissioner Garrett Irene, and Mike Armstrong.

**Approval of Agenda: Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the amended agenda.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, council meeting.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Guest Speaker:** House District #47 Representative Bob Davis spoke to the council and guests.

**Reports:**

**Fire Department:** Garrett Irene presented the Fire Department report to the council. The chili cook-off held on December 31, 2023, was a success. Garrett reported on the call outs the fire department have responded to in the last month. The Carbon County Fire District would like to meet with the Elk Mountain town council on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The fire department equipment is running well, and Engine 1 is back from the mechanic in Rock Springs.

**SCWEMS:** Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. The last meeting was held online, due to the holidays and was business as usual. SCWEMS is talking to a surveyor regarding land in Hanna for the new Hanna SCWEMS station.

**Public Works:** Will Redmond, the public works director, presented the public works report to the council. Will reported that the water treatment plant and lagoon are both running as they should. The garbage truck is running great. Will mentioned that he would like to investigate trading in the backhoe in for a newer model. Work on the museum building will continue. Will is going to tear out a few beaver dams in the river and slough, once the beavers have been removed.

**HCJPB:** No Report

**Park Board:** No Report

**Cemetery Board:** Brett Larson presented the cemetery board report to the council. Several cemetery plots have been purchased since the new cemetery map was completed. Wreaths Across America was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Museum Board:** Angie Hobbs, the museum director, presented the museum board report to the council. The museum has been slow due to the winter hours. Angie will begin the application process for grants to help the museum with funding.

**CCVC:** Mike Armstrong was in the audience and shared with the council the Carbon County Visitors Council about the master plan. The visitors council has been working with the museums to help with their funding. The CCVC Elk Mountain representative's term is coming to an end and the town will need to find a person to replace our current representative.

**CCOG:** The next meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Carbon Building in Rawlins.

**CCEDC:** The next meeting will be held January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the corrected November 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the December 2023 Treasurer's Report.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the December 12, 2023, through January 8, 2024, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$25,407.23.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Wind Impact Report:** Report Included in Packet

**Correspondence:** KB Energy Conditional Use Permit, various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

#### **Old Business:**

- The approval of the Cemetery Board By-Laws was put on hold until a few changes could be made.
- 2022 – 2023 Budget Review. No changes were made.

#### **New Business:**

- **Utility Customers – Credit Card Payments. Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the addition of a credit card reader to accommodate utility customers who prefer to pay with a credit card. To accommodate the credit card payments, Cm. Hobbs continued the motion to approve the opening of another bank account with RNB State Bank. The signers on the account will be Mayor Morgan Irene, Cm. Angie Hobbs, Cm. Craig Mustard, Cm. Joseph Neel, Cm. Wade Nelson, and Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Hess.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to be brought before the council, **Cm. Mustard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none opposed.

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Clerk

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Mayor