

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent: Cm. Angie Hobbs

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, John Page, Water Superintendent and Public Works; Bob Meyer, Assistant Fire Chief

CITIZEN/VISITORS: No guests

APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Jones motioned to approve the agenda as amended;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES: **Cm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2020, Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: No one addressed the Council

REPORTS: Fire Dept: Assistant Chief Meyer reported the calls since March; March 2-vehicle rollovers & 2 semi-trailer fires, April-1 vehicle rollover, semi-trailer fire, medical respond & a cancel, May 1 report of liquid on the payment and a 2 vehicle crash. The firemen are working on the Fire Fighter 1 & Red Card online. The department has 3 new members Christine Ledder, Esther Ledder and Jaxon Page. Ron Brown is the new County Fire Warden. LEPC has not been meeting since the COVID-19 shut down.

SCWEMS: No Report

Water Dept.: Superintendent Page told the Council that he is continuing to move the chlorine system from out in the main bay to the interior control area. Divers are supposed to be here the last week of June/1st week of July. The new chlorine vendor is working well, and we are working on our 2nd order. Well #3 continues to run good after its overhaul and Well #4 has shown improvement on its GPM rate. The mixer in the west tank is not functioning and troubleshooting shows it needs replaced. The 3 meters in the plant need replaced they are showing signs of wear due to our water conditions as well as introducing error into the how we calculate the water and chlorine. **Cm. Jones made a motion to purchase the new solar bee mixer and the 3 new meters;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. Clerk Crane said she had heard from Aaron Spenny, WyDot Engineer about the street project and the water agreement. He plans on attending the July meeting with Jon Nelson for North Fork Engineering to get information on both projects. **Cm. Jones made a motion for the town to purchase and take care of placing the back-flow meter on the hydrant at a charge of a \$100 a month rent and to charge a rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons of water taken;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Zoning: Page told the Council he was still working on the zoning ordinance. Doug Boyd with WLC has not gotten back on the progress in reference to the work.

Public Works: Public Works Director Page told the Council he has purchased 2 new tires for the VAC truck and once installed he can test the machine. He wanted to thank Tammy Page for her help in getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day.

He told the Council that the Mayor received a letter from Cm. Craig Mustard and Jessie Mustard, local beekeepers that they filed a complaint with the Dept. of Ag about the town's fogging practices. Page and Crane were in contact with Cindy Fulton and Wes Brown from the Dept. of Ag and furnished the information they requested. The town's fogging program is following state regulations and Page received his commercial applicators license so the fogging can begin next week as advertised. Page attended a class on Mosquito Abatement through University of Wyoming and has been in touch with Scott Schell and Steven Trowbridge on setting up our program to better assist our citizens. The town will need to purchase some equipment; 2-mosquito light traps and a microscope. This is a requirement to do an abatement program according to the Dept. of AG to combat West Nile and Encephalitis. Nate Hill from ADAPCO calibrated our foggers and suggested some other options to help with the mosquitos. The town currently uses the larvicide, Altosid Briquettes that are placed in standing water. Where the briquettes do not reach there is a backpack system that applies pellet sizing larvicide into the grassy areas. The system cost \$650 plus the cost of the chemical. The chemical is reimbursed through the CCW&P grant and the backpack could be purchased with public safety impact funds. The Council agreed that the backpack was a good option to purchase. Page and Brent Kelly mapped out a trail to apply the fogging product to the slough area. Page has Timberline Electric scheduled for the week of June 15th to finish the sewer lagoon upgrades. There was a discussion on the research Page has done on the speed signs. **Cm. Jones made a motion to purchase 2 mobile speed signs at \$5,819;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. The town trash trailer is back in service. After July Page will have to take the trailer to Laramie to dump. The regulations are extremely strict at the Laramie Landfill so residence will have to be careful at what is placed on the trailer.

HCJPB: The Mayor attended the meeting via telephone. The JPB passed their budget on 3rd reading. **Cm. Jones made a motion to accept the HCJPB FY 20-2021 Budget;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. The Board hired one full time and a part-time employee.

Park Board: The Park Board will meet June 9th. The Board is looking to hire someone to do the weeding and watering during the summer.

Cemetery Board: No Report

Museum Board: Clerk Crane told the Council the museum would open June 12th. There will be a crew staining the building on the 11th. Page is finishing up the vanity install and the repair on the outdoor hydrant.

CCVC: No report

CCCOG: Next scheduled meeting is in July

LEPC: Meetings remain canceled

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cm. Kennedy motioned to approve the Treasurers Report for May as presented; Cm. Jones second the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Cm. Kennedy motioned to ratify and pay the bills from May 12th through June 8th in the amount of \$17,571.21; Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Wind Impact Sheet was in packets showing income and expense through June 8th.

CORRESPONDENCE: Susan Havers, Craig and Jessica Mustard, Dept. of Ag. Gateway South Transmission

The Council had a discussion on the complaint issued by the Mustards on mosquito fogging and their beehives. The town thought that the issue of the hives in town was resolved by spraying later in the evening on the south side of town and not taking the sprayer down the street the hives were on. The Mayor questions Cm. Mustard's approach to not follow a chain of command in issues like this. Mustard

said he had tried to speak with Public Works Director Page and felt the issue had not received the attention he felt it needed so he contacted the Dept. of Ag. He also stated concerns that the applicator needed to be mindful of people out during the spraying and turn off the spray coming from the fogger as he passes them. The Mayor said that all this could have been alleviated if he had brought the problem to the Council to act on before going to the Dept. of Ag. The conversation continued with the best times to spray mosquito, where the spraying would start in relations to location and designated day Monday-Thursday weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

WyDot Request for Vector Truck Service-Item remained tabled

Habel Land Exchange-Item remained tabled

2019 SPT Update-Natural Gas: Mayor Irene and John Page met with Steve Shutte a contractor/consultant for the natural gas project. They toured possible sites for the pipeline to tap into existing mains. The Mayor said other projects are ready to go and they are looking to start bonding. It was suggested if we were not the town could wait for tax dollars to come in or bond later when we have all our planning done.

NEW BUSINESS:

3rd Reading FY 20-2021 Budget: A few adjustments were made in the budget to cover the amount the HCJPB will be charging for Landfill and Garbage Collections, an increase in Park Maintenance and Repair and Contract Labor. The Park and Maintenance line item will cover the mowing, cleaning, watering/weeding and general repair of the park infrastructure. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve and accept the 3rd Reading of the FY 20-2021 Budget;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Museum By-Laws Discussion: Director Hobbs pointed out there are some changes needed in the Museum By-Laws. Clerk Crane went through the document and made the changes needed to update the ordinance. Because the by-laws were adopted by ordinance they needed to be amended by ordinance. After a discussion of the changes **Cm. Jones made a motion to pass on 1st Reading ORDINANCE 14-10-13-AMENDED; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE CREATION OF THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN MUSEUM BOARD AND BY-LAWS;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. Hobbs said the Directors job description appears to agree with the Board requirements.

Museum District Discussion: The Saratoga Museum has done the appropriate paperwork to file for the consideration of the formation of a Saratoga/Ryan Park Museum District. After presenting to the County Commissioners at public hearing to have this placed on the ballot there was reason to extend the hearing for 2 weeks to take more comments. The Mayor will send a letter commenting on the concerns that were brought forward during the public comment period.

Gateway South Transmission Line: Town received a request from Gateway South for a letter of support for the project. At this time, the town will not send a letter but will wait to hear from the ISC on the impact of the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm Kennedy motioned to adjourn at 8:35PM;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.