

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015 IN**  
**THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:  
Cm. Joseph Grillo  
Cm. Robert Meyer  
Cm. John Page  
Absent; Cm. Angie Hobbs  
Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent,  
Rory Neuman, Public Works Director
- CITIZENS/VISITORS: Al Santilli, Bob Johnson, Peggy Johnson, Steve Bonner, Ken Casner
- APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.
- APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the June 8, 2015. **Cm. Page made a motion to approve the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Abstain, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. There was not a quorum for the approval of Special Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2015. They will be approved at the next council meeting.
- CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: No one addressed the council.
- REPORTS: Reports were given by 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 told the Council that the department had responded to some medical calls on the interstate and helped with the wild land fire north of Hanna. The carpet has been cleaned in the training room at the fire hall. The department received a \$400.00 donation. Clerk Crane said she had received a check from Wyoming Workforce Services from the Safety Improvement Fund. She will issue a check to the department for the payment received.
- SCWEMS: Clerk Crane said the service had its election of officers at their meeting in Saratoga. The town had received the resolution that is further down on the agenda.
- Water Department: Water Superintendent Eastman told the Council that he would be using the chlorine tablet system tomorrow. He mentioned the problems with the odor in the water while he was in the hospital and well it was an annoyance the system was not in any violations with DEQ, EPA or WARWS. Jim Van Dorn with WARWS contacted Eastman and asked to be placed on the agenda for next month's council meeting. He would like to have a Q&A session to answer any concerns the Council may have on the water system.
- Zoning: WyDot has contacted the town about a change in boundary lines on a piece of property they are looking at purchasing. The Mayor told the Council the town would follow the zoning ordinances in place for this request change.
- Public Works: Public Works Director Rory Neuman told the Council things are running with no problems. He has the new dog kennel and was wondering if a good permanent location would be to pour a slab next to the new public works building for convenience and clean up. Mosquito fogging has been going well. Prairie Dog Electric will be coming out to install a battery backup at the water tanks to help with electric bumps. Union Telephone is looking at reactivating the phone line at the sewer lagoon. Eagle Plumbing fixed the sink in the ladies bathroom at the park and finished the install of the shower/eyewash station at the water building. It was found the men's bathroom sink also has a problem and it has a temporary fix until the park board is contacted. Neuman told the council the Carbon County Weed and Pest Spray day went well. There were 18 CCW&P employees present and they sprayed the residences that signed up and town right of ways. On earlier dates they did the park, lagoon and water treatment plant. He said he had received the Zenner hand held back after repairs and needed to try it again to see if it works now. Bob Johnson mentioned he had visited with CCW&P Board Member Willis Williams and that the board was looking for volunteers to help with the spaying so that the program can continue. The Mayor said the town would advertise for volunteers next year.

HCJPB: Representative Grillo told the Council that the HCJPB dump truck is now terminal. Cm. Page looked into purchasing surplus dump trucks from WyDot and they are out at least 6 months before any could become available. The landfill had a substitute operator while Mike Martin was on vacation. The Board approved bills in the amount of \$7,124.62. He noted the BCBS premiums had an increase. The Board is having WWC Engineering meet with them to give some background on their company as they interview potential engineering firms. They will be at the Medicine Bow meeting August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board has authorized receiving 3,000 cubic yards from the demolition of the Hanna Elementary School. Rebecca Dietrich will be sending out a summary letter for each community and Board Members on the meeting she had with the Board at their June 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Q&A meeting.

Park Board: No one from the Park Board was present. The Mayor mentioned that Paul and Crystal Clark hauled in concrete slabs to make a seating area and planters in front of the pavilion. They also repaired the flower box on the sign to the park. Clerk Crane said the town received the grant check from the CCSD#2 Rec. Board for the park shed.

Cemetery Board: No report. Mayor Irene ask PW Director Neuman to take down the cemetery sign when the Medicine Bow River Bridge Project starts so the county has clearance on the county road.

Museum Board: No Representative from the Board was in attendance. Clerk Crane received the minutes from the Boards July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board received a donation from Casper College after a group of 35 people toured the museum and town. Reese Johnson, Don Ljungblad and Bill Jones helped with the tour and shared information on the community and surrounding area. The Hobbs & Bell Families have volunteered to donate a sign for the museum. They have been receiving donated and bequeathed items and have been in contact with the Carbon County Museum about some living history events.

Juvenile Services: No report

CCEDB: No report

CCVC: Board Member Crane told the Council this month's meeting was a grant hearing. The office in Rawlins is looking to relocate for more space and better visibility. The next meeting is in Hanna the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of August.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene attended the meeting in Baggs. A representative from ISC presented on impact funds. The impact funds in place now will stay as decided but moving forward the new rules from the Department of Revenue are setting a base line and the impacted communities and counties will get a % over that base. The entities must now prove why they will be affect by impact and to what degree on a monetary bases. You when have 45 days to testify to receive funds. The ISC is looking for feedback to these changes.

Senior Services Board: Clerk Crane said the Senior Board would like to purchase an outdoor gas grill with money from their budget line item. The Council approved the purchase with no motion necessary because this is an approved budget item.

LEPC: Cm. Grillo reported to the Council that he attended the LEPC Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) meeting presented by Carbon County Emergency Management. These planning meeting are mandatory for all communities receiving any FEMA funding.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** **Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve the June Treasure's Report;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:** Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and approving bills to be paid in the amount of \$84,696.38. **Cm. Grillo motioned to ratify and pay the bills from June 9th thru July 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$84,696.38;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Pat Eastman, WAM, John Zieger/FEMA, Town of Rock River, State Dept of Audit, State of Wyoming Unclaimed Property Division, South Central Wyoming EMS, WyDot, HUB, Blue Cross Blue Shield WAM, Vector Disease Control, Various Board Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS:** Community Center/Phase 1 Update: After a discussion on the proposed architect service bid for the renovation of the Public Works Building to house the County Library **Cm. Grillo made a motion to accept Potter Architecture, LLC bid for \$9,600 for the proposed architecture services with funding from the consensus grant;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene

Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. The renovation will be funded from private donor sources.

Public Works Building Task Order: The Council discussed the task order for the Public Works Building from EA formerly PMPC. The order was for design service for construction plans and specifications for a metal building. The cost was \$18,000.00 for their standard hourly rate. After discussion it was decided to check with other engineers for a comparable bid and contact the county to see if they offer this type of service or recommend a firm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Specific Purpose Representative Substitute: Mayor Irene appointed Cm. Grillo as a substitute representative on the Specific Purpose Board.

FY 2014-15 Budget Amendment: Treasurer Crane was unable to get the amendment completed in time for the meeting. She did ask if the Council would like to move the unexpended funds from the Volunteer Fire Departments budget line items to a their carryover fund. The balance to move is \$5,120.10 and will be incorporated into the amendment for approval.

South Central Wyoming EMS JPB Resolution 1-2015: **Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve SCWEMSJPB Resolution 1-2015;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

Ken Casner-Discussion on water, right of way, business and various items: Mr. Casner started his address to the Council with compliments on the good job PW Director Neuman has been doing with the mosquito fogging, filling of potholes and animal control. Along with the animal control topic he felt the dog ordinance should be revisited and revised on dogs that are not on leashes and under the 6 ft. voice control. He also felt that feral cats can be a good thing for the community if they are properly spayed and neutered. Mr. Casner discussed the right of way on Bridge Street and gave the Council a handout on the State of Wyoming Statute Title 24 Highways. He stated what appeared to be private property in front of his business is in fact a majority of state right of way. And although he had previously requested that no town or state equipment maintain in from of his business he now would like that portion taken care of for the benefit of the residents and his business. He also registered a concern that when the pot holes were filled in front of the Post Office his business was not informed and the odor from the asphalt was offensive to his customers. Mr. Casner said he had talked to Bill Nation, Carbon County Road and Bridge Superintendent about paving in front of the Post Office and if the State would like he could approve doing the repair. A handout titled Well #3 and History on Water Quality was given to the Council and audience members. It was an overview of the Elk Mountain Water Wells dating back to the 1960's. Water quality data was supplied along with information on filtration system units and a recommendation to the Mayor and Council to install one at the tanks and research and references for this handout. Mr. Casner stated that water specialist would call the town's water great however he feels this water could become outstanding with another cosmetic remedy to enhance all feature of the water.

After his presentation Mr. Casner left the meeting when Water Superintendent Eastman proceeded to explain to the Council that there were items listed in the handout that were not applicable to the town's water system. Most of the metals, non-metals and ions on the list are "non-detect" in the testing used by the DEQ and EPA. And filtration systems serve a purpose when they are used in surface water distribution and not deep wells. The Mayor ask about hydrant flushing. Eastman said he was getting a set of drawing together mapping the hydrants to give to the fire department and that a systematic flushing of the system could be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Page made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

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Clerk

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Mayor