

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday June 17, 2025, COMMUNITY CENTER**

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM, By Mayor Morgan Irene. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Joe Neel
Mayor Morgan Irene
Cm. Craig Mustard
Cm. Angie Hobbs was absent.
Public Works Director Will Redmond
Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Hess

Guests in attendance: Jon Williams, Brett Webb, Brett Larson, Ken Casner, John Rutherford, Homer Beach, Jessica Mustard, Danette Toth, and Tom Toth.

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

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of May 12, 2025. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm Mustard Aye, motion carried.

Citizen and Guest Speakers: Danette Toth President Elk Mountain Senior Board.
John Rutherford, District Chief, Carbon County Fire District.
Ken Casner – Zoning & Planning and Public Safety.

Reports:

Fire Department: Assistant Chief, Jon Williams, presented the fire department report to the council. Jon reported the updates to training and equipment. The roster now includes 13-14 members. The department continues their efforts to recruit more members.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. Morgan reported that the last meeting was held on June 16th. Those members whose terms were up had found their replacements for the board. **Cm. Neel made a motion to reappoint Mayor Irene to the SCWEMS joint powers board to continue to represent the town of Elk Mountain.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion.

Public Works: Will Redmond, the public works director, presented the public works report to the council. Will reported that the garbage truck, water treatment plant and the lagoon are all running great. John and Reese

Johnson have donated the FFA kids they purchased at the FFA helper auction fundraiser to the town. The FFA kids who will be accompanied by their sponsor, Taylor Reynolds, will help with the sanding and staining the park pavilion in July. We will have multiple bids for the fire hall generator by next week. The quote from Zumbrennan Electric to replace the safety switch at the lagoon was in the amount of \$2,205.13. **Cm. Neel made a motion to use TB Flats wind impact funds in the amount of \$2,205.13 to pay for the replacement safety switch at the lagoon.** Cm Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried. Will is waiting on a quote for the museum doors. The BLM permit application has been submitted. Will has plans to work on the potholes and replacing meters at the water treatment plant.

HCJPB: No report.

Park Board: Brett Larson, the park board chairman, presented the park board report to the council. Brett reported that the park has received preliminary approval for the grant funds for the park projects. Brett extended his thanks to the Carbon County School District #2 Recreation Board for their approval.

Cemetery Board: Brett Larson, the cemetery board chairman, presented the cemetery board report to the council. Brett began the report by thanking Craig Jones, Hope Jones, and Niles Larson for helping with the Memorial Day flags at the cemetery. Brett also reported that we are working on putting some burial regulations into place.

Museum Board: Heidi Hess presented the director's report for Angie Hobbs. The museum is now open for the 2025 season. The museum had a fantastic opening weekend over Memorial Day weekend. The museum saw visitors from all over the US all weekend. The new heritage building is finally finished and open to visitors. Some of the exhibits include items from the Arlington/McFadden area, the bear formerly from the library, ranching items, local brands and other large items. The 6th Annual Kentucky Derby was our best yet! Miss Pearl Neel was the winner. The race and generous donations the museum raised over \$1,800.00 at the event. Thanks to the Carbon County School District #2 recreation board grant the museum can stay open six days a week. The museum is waiting on the governor's office to sign the WY250 grant, so the town elder's stories project can move forward.

CCVC: No report.

CCCOG: No report.

CCEDC: No report.

Treasurer's Report: **Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the May 2025 Treasurers Report.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: **Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the bills to be ratified and paid for May 13, 2025, through June 17, 2025, in the amount of \$42,542.99.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: Updated June 6, 2025.

Correspondence: Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business:

- **24-25 Water Fund:** Cm. Mustard made a motion to move \$24,758.32 from the water fund to the general fund to help cover the shortfall of the budgeted water enterprise expenses. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.
- **Third Reading Ordinance #25-01: ORDINANCE #25-01, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance#25-01, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.
- **Third Reading Ordinance #25-02: ORDINANCE #25-02, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN SEWER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance#25-02, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN SEWER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.
- **Third Reading Ordinance #25-03: ORDINANCE #25-03, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SANITATION RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance #25-03, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SANITATION RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.
- **Third Reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the third reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent. Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.

New Business:

- Notice to Bid – Centurion Safe. Opening all bids received. **Cm. Neel made a motion to accept the one bid received for Centurion Safe.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.
- Notice to Bid – Mosquito Foggers. No bids were received. The council agreed to sell the foggers, rather than placing them up for bid a second time.
- Discover Carbon County. Appointment of Mike Armstrong to At Large Board Member Position. **Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the appointment of Mike Armstrong to the At Large Board Member Position for Discover Carbon County.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.
- Acceptance of Councilman Wade Nelsons resignation. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilman Wade Nelson and to also remove Councilman Wade Nelson's name**

from the town of Elk Mountain bank accounts. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carried.

- Black Mountain Software Pay. The council approved the budget for water billing software to include the Black Mountain Software Pay. This software will allow the utility customers to make online payments, automatic payments, and receive electronic bills for their utilities from the town of Elk Mountain.

Adjournment: With no more business to come before the council. **Cm. Neel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Clerk

Mayor