

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
3<sup>rd</sup> READING BUDGET HEARING  
JUNE 14, 2021, 6:30 P.M. TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**CALL BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER:** Mayor Irene called the hearing to order at 6:30 P.M., Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs  
Cm. Tammy Page  
Cm. Bryson Kennedy  
Absent Cm. Craig Mustard

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, John Page, Water Superintendent and Public Works

**CITIZEN/VISITORS:** Jon Nelson, Sheri Johnson, Bob Meyer

**APPROVE THE AGENDA: Cm. Page made a motion to approve the agenda;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE FY 21-22 BUDGET:** No one commented on the budget. Clerk Crane told the Council that there had been no changes in the budget since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

**APPROVE FY 21-22 BUDGET ON 3<sup>RD</sup> READING: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the FY 21-22 Budget on 3rd Reading; Cm. Page seconded the motion;** Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Cm. Kennedy made a motion to close the Budget Hearing;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021, IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs  
Cm. Tammy Page  
Cm. Bryson Kennedy  
Absent Cm. Craig Mustard

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, John Page, Water Superintendent and Public Works

**CITIZEN/VISITORS:** Robert Meyer, Sheri Johnson, Jon Nelson, Northfork Engineering

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

**APPROVE MINUTES: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the May 10, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 20, 2021, Special Budget Workshop;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:** Jon Nelson, North Fork Engineering told the Council the Prehearing on the Street Project will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Town Hall. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to issue a Notice to Proceed;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries. Nelson said he had not heard back from the contractor on a revised surface for a basketball court.

## **REPORTS:**

**Fire Dept:** Bob Meyer addressed the Council. The retrofitted International fire truck has been picked up. They used it on the Wagonhound fire this week. Engine #1 needs new tires. Fat Boy's in Laramie priced a set out at \$3,937.20. They will be coded to Fire Dept. Impact Funds. The County fire trucks need new tires also. Unit 1 needs a radio. The Dept. was looking to buy a new skid unit for the side by side. The Mayor asked if the air packs had been purchased and Meyer said they hadn't. The Council felt that was a priority when the impact requests were put out and should be ordered while funds were still available. With the County requesting local fire departments take over their equipment and maintenance and provide coverage in the county on a contract bases brought up discussion on the additional expense the town would have to incur. Cm. Page asked Meyer if there were 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Grants available at any level. He was unaware of any. Impact funds and the department's budget were discussed. Crane had put together a breakdown of the impact funds asked for in our initial requests and how much each department had spent. With some outstanding bills the fire department budget line items will be over when paid. The Council decided to pay for these expenditures from the remaining funds left in the budget and the balance from Impact funds. The town siren is having a tech look at it next Tuesday. In May the Department had 5 calls, 2 rollovers, 2 1st responders and a report of smoke at Turpin.

**SCWEMS:** SCWEMS held a special budget workshop via a Zoom meeting. The Director is planning on disposing of 2 of the old ambulances. They have budgeted for a new ambulance. The different agencies are still having radio communication problems. The new addition to the ambulance barn in Saratoga, purchased with the Specific Purpose Tax will be a metal building instead of a pole barn because of rising lumber costs. The Billing company has been doing a better job at collections. The Board decided to give a 35% reduction in locals billing if the bill is paid for up front.

**Public Works:** Director Page reported on Public Works:

- Covid test shows there are no new cases in the town.
- Need mayor to sign new CWWT contract if approved.
- Valve for the water plant came in. Got one on clearance for \$250 instead of \$1500-1800.
- Sewer plant continues to do well.
- Received parts for Meter pit repairs so will be scheduling that in.
- Trash truck has new tires.
- Will begin fogging for mosquitos tomorrow.

Some notes on mosquito fogging. We can only do 2.8 applications in a 3-day period. EPA/State does not condone fogging on weekends due to people out more and you are required to shut the fogger off within 100 feet of a person. We can only fog 25 times total in a given year. Violations of these rules will result in fines to the town and the applicator if found to be in violation. (a municipality has been fined recently). There is no existing and never has been a "green" insecticide (they are all permethrin based). We can change our schedule to cover Monday thru Friday but with the understanding that we are aiming for 2.8 applications per week.

Joy Kennedy met with me, and we discussed the land swap. She has agreed so we just need the paperwork from Dave Hamann to proceed.

Page asked the Council if he could purchase a new riding lawn mower. He was looking at a zero turn in the \$2,600 to \$3,000 price range. The mower would be taken from either Public Works Impact funds or the COVID wastewater revenue. Mayor wants to save old mower for cemetery mowing. **Cm. Kennedy made a motion to purchase a new riding mower;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

Page was contacted by the Dept. of Health to see if the town would like to continue with the COVID Wastewater testing program thru December. **Cm. Kennedy made a motion to sign the wastewater contract with the Dept. of Health;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**HCJPB:** The Board will hold their next meeting in September. They have the titles for the used equipment that will be sold for salvage.

**Park Board:** Sheri Johnson addressed the Council with a report on the park. They had the park clean up and even with a small turn out they accomplished a lot. John and Shae Johnson took the bird house wall down and hauled it away. They installed the sunshades in the pavilion. Shae power washed the pavilion floor. Sam McClain's family stained the wooden swing and cleaned picnic tables and benches. McClain asked if the Board would mind if they did some work on the horseshoe pits. The flowers for the white fenced area should be here by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. They need to put some fill in to level the area, put down weed barrier and haul in topsoil. The Ice Cream Social will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at the park.

**Cemetery Board:** The Mayor told the Council that Lonnie Briggs is putting in his resignation from the Cemetery Board. Page told the Council that he and Bob Johnson will be checking out the watering system at the cemetery.

**Museum Board:** Director Hobbs said the opening weekend of the museum was great. They served 100 plates of birthday cobbler and ice cream and sold a record number of ducks for the duck race. Winner of the race was Darby Bowen's duck. The museum can now take VENMO and credit and debt cards for merchandise and donations. The grant paperwork is in. CCVC is paying for signage at the overpass informing people there is a museum in town. Hobbs met with the EDC Director and Annette Penman with Sinclair refinery to ask for a grant to help with the construction on the new auxiliary building at the museum.

**CCVC:** Minutes were sent to the Council.

**CCCOG:** The next meeting is in July.

**LEPC:** They are dividing into different groups that are meeting independently on specific issues then coming together for analysis. The Mayor Irene was appointment as the CCCOG liaison to LEPC.

**Treasurer Report:** **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the May Treasurers Report as presented;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**Bills to Ratify and Paid:** **Cm. Page made a motion to pay the bills from May 11, 2021, thru June 14, 2021, in the amount of \$119,164.00;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**WIND IMPACT REPORT:** The Impact report was included in the packet along with department breakdowns.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Federal Licensing, Inc, ISO-Community hazard Mitigation, Federal Aviation Administration, CCP&Z, Various Board Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Habel Land Exchange-TABLED:** Item was left on the Table.

**Natural Gas Update-**The Mayor talked with Steve Shutte about the proposal from his company to start the engineering. Shutte will also need to talk directly to Southern Star for a better understanding of what is in their contract.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government (NEU)-American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-**After a discussion and explanation of the information the town received **Cm. Page made a motion to decline the NEU's;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye Cm. Mustard Absent, motion carries.

**Carbon County Planning & Development-**The town received notice of Public Hearing for a Zone change from Ranching, Agriculture, Mining (RAM) to Highway Commercial (C-2) and a companion case for a conditional use permit in the C-2 to permit an auto wrecker service. Petitioners are SBM LLC (Applicant) and Kurt Kelly Revocable Trust (Landowner). Location is East of Elk Mountain at Exit 260, south side of 1-80 and west of Carbon County Road #3. You may attend the hearing with comments or provide written comments prior to the CCP&Z Commission's hearing date of Monday June 21, 2021. After a discussion, the Council decided not to formally comment on the proposed change.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None needed

**AJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 8:27 PM;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

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MAYOR