

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN VARIANCE HEARING
MARCH 8, 2021 TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the hearing to order at 6:04PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

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

Also present Clerk/Treasurer Linda Crane, Public Works Director John Page

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

COMMENTS ON THE VARIANCE FOR 108 ALDER STREET: No comments received on the variance request.

MOTION TO APPROVE VARIANCE FOR 108 ALDER STREET: Public Works Director Page ask that the variance be approved as it has no undo hardship to the town. Cm. Hobbs motioned to approve the variance request; Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CLOSE VARIANCE HEARING: Cm. Mustard motioned to close the variance hearing at 6:10PM; Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

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

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

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Yvonne Johnson, CCEDC Executive Director, Bob Meyer, Fire Department

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor asked if anyone else would like to address the Council. Bob Meyer told the Council he is thinking of selling some of his domain names and wondered if the town would be interested in purchasing any of them. He has the older Elk Mountain website domain, variations of the use of Elk Mountain Wyoming and a version of the Elk Mountain fire department. Go Daddy has an appraisal site to value sought after domain names and an auction sight if you want to sell a domain you have. The Council asked him to look into what he wants for any of these before they could make a decision.

Yvonne Johnson, Carbon County Economic Development Council Director addressed the Council with an update. She presented the Council with a packet covering some topics for 2021. Grant & Proposal Writing, Instruction on read a budget, Business survival in the COVID pandemic, Leadership Carbon County 2021, Trust Building for Leaders, Staff Success, Staff Retention and Non-Profit Funding. EDC is planning a Regional Expo at the Platte Valley Community Center in Saratoga May 6th -8th. This allows participants to maximize their business exposure. All types of exhibitors representing all fields of business including restaurants, banking, retail, industrial, agriculture and crafters will be featured. Guest Speaker will be Cynthia Lummis.

Gov. Gordon is planning on attending an August 20th fundraiser for small business startups and non-profits.

She informed the Council that an individual is trying to place a Solid Waste Recycling Plant in Carbon County.

Ms. Johnson is going to work with the town to try and secure funds for the museum.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: Bob Meyer reported on the fire department. The department was called out on 11 incidents this is about average amount for the month. They were called to the Aspen Highland fire and response time was under 20 minutes to the scene. The fabrication company is working on retrofitting the International truck. It should be done in June or July. They tested the fire siren last Saturday. Clerk Crane asked Meyer if the department had officially rejected the bids on the Polaris and CanAm side by sides. He said they had and decided to go with a less expensive Honda from Borderline Sports.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene reported that they had offered the southern Station Manager position to a person who declined the offer. They will start the process over again. They will be paring down the life packs and ambulance supplies since there aren't crews in each community to run the calls. They are having an EMT class in Rawlins right now.

Public Works: Director Page updated the Council on the COVID testing. To date we have received \$17,200 for testing from the Department of Health. We have shown no cases in town for 3 weeks. The cases have dropped statewide.

The Council was asked if they wanted to purchase more Christmas decorations during the off season. They said to wait until next budget season bring it up again.

Page said he found doors for the museum and the Town Hall Complex. **With the Council already approving the purchase of the doors he was letting them know he would be purchasing and installing them soon.**

The Consumer Confidence Report has been submitted. Water and sewer are working well. He will be replacing the hot water heater at the water tanks. WARWS will be coming out in the spring to help check sludge depth in the lagoon. They will need a boat to go out on the lagoon to check depths. I know John was given the go ahead to purchase the doors so wasn't sure if that should be in there.

Page has started the grant process for the mosquito season. He will be meeting with the mosquito chemical suppliers to order this season's product.

The trash truck will be getting new tires for \$4,200. They will be paid out of the Landfill Enterprise Fund. Page fixed the PTO on the trash truck. Public Works will have a container for the disposal of used motor oil located at the shop.

UPS didn't file the claim on the damaged Christmas decoration. The Mayor will be sending a letter to the lawyer to contact UPS about the claim.

HCJPB: The Board is waiting for reimbursements from SLIB for the items purchased in the landfill closure. We will be reimbursed for the trash trailer and camera system when they receive their funds. Then they get the titles to the dump truck and dump truck with front-in plow they plan on selling at silent bid. Toby Smith resigned as Chair of the Board, so Mayor Buchanan was appointed Vice Chair and Ken Campbell Chairman. The Board will move to quarterly meeting once the state paperwork is complete.

Park Board: The Arlington KOA offered some concrete picnic tables if we wanted to come get them.

Museum Board: The museum requested funds from the town to pay the balance on the auxiliary building. With the price of steel going up every month they needed to get the price locked in for the building. **Cm. Page made a motion to pay the balance of \$9,842 to Western Steel Building;** Cm. Kennedy seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Abstain, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. **The requested money for the remaining balance will be reimbursed to the general fund either by fundraising or donations.**

Director Hobbs said the paperwork is in for the CCSD#2 Recreation Board Grants. The museum applied for an operating grant and a grant to help with the construction on the museum building project. The CCVC grants will be coming available, and they are looking at trying a sponsorship grant over an annual advertising grant. It should allow for more hours to keep the museum open. Hobbs is getting museum brochures printed that will be placed around the county and state.

Hobbs toured Fort Halleck with person doing a YouTube video on the history of the fort.

The museum and the town will sponsor the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park on April 3rd. A grand opening for the season is planned for May with the Duckie Race, horseshoes, and picnic.

CCVC: Minutes were sent to the Council.

CCCOG: March 17th is the next meeting. It will be held at the C-4 Building in Rawlins. Lenny Layman, Emergency Manager will be doing some presentation.

LEPC: Bob Meyer talked about the radio communications problems in the county. There needs some patching to make the radios compatible.

Clerk Crane told the Council that the liquor licenses have been returned for renewal and the publication will be in the paper March 17th and 24th with a special meeting on May 3rd.

Treasurer Report: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the February 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 Aye, motion carries.

Bills to Ratify and Paid: Cm. Kennedy made a motion to pay the bills from February 9, 2021 thru March 8, 2021 in the amount of \$37,805.63; Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WIND IMPACT REPORT: Crane said the Impact report was included in the packet.

CORRESPONDENCE: LGLP, Barbara Bonds

Crane told the Council that the LGLP Liability Insurance has been returned. Barbara Bonds office sent the Escrow paperwork for the Mayor to sign on the Specific Purpose Tax.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

2019 SPT Update- The Mayor talked with Southern Star and requested that they do a cost estimate study for tapping and location. The study will show the town real numbers in connecting to their line.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cm. Mustard told the Council he had been approach by residence to put a basketball court at the park. The Council discussed using the old volleyball court since is already has a base and seeing what the paving crew that is doing the road project in town would charge to go over the top of it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm Page motioned to adjourn at 8:15PM;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

CLERK

MAYOR