

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:33PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent Cm. Bryson Kennedy

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

**CITIZEN/VISITORS:** Kasey Westring, Norkfork Engineering

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:** Kasey Westring, North Fork Engineering wanted to check with the Council to see if there were any concerns with the water meter project. She asked about our training and if we had received the parts that we ordered. Westring said that they had met with Aaron Spenny, WyDot Engineer to discuss the road project in town. They are hoping to have quantities and paint on the ground before next meeting. The project is slated for 2021.

Cm. Hobbs wanted to make the Council aware of a scam that has hit town. A resident had 2 women with Virginia license plates attempt to break into his home. When conformed they said the home was abandoned and they were here to run a check list and take picture to sell it. When he told them the home was not abandoned he was verbal confronted. He then took the clip board from one of the women and took the checklist. The company listed was from Pennsylvania. When he tried calling there was no business that answered. He contacted the Sheriff's Department to make them aware of the situation. It happened again with 2 men showing up at the home and they were also told to leave. If you see this happening or it happens to you please call the Sheriff's Department and if possible take down license plate numbers.

**REPORTS:** Fire Dept: The department was out fighting a fire during the meeting.

SCWEMS: The Mayor received a resignation from the town's Representative Ralph Brokaw. If anyone is interested in being appointed to the SCWEMS Board please contact town hall or the Mayor.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council that he pumping exclusively out of Well No. 4. He has tried to get Timberline to come out to check for electrical problems. PW Director Page told him he had a recommendation to call Voltech from Laramie if he wasn't getting results from Timberline. Eastman asked if he should register for Fall Conference to renew his license. The Mayor said that Garrett Irene was ready to test for his water and shortly after that test for the sewer license. So after a long time coming he was finally able to retire from the water and sewer positions. Eastman said he

would be here to help if needed. He said he would put in the bottle order for EPA testing and do the posting for the Consumer Confidence Report. It is on the website, posted at the post office, library, senior center and town hall and will be on the utilities billing.

Zoning: The Mayor told Zoning Officer Eastman that John Page would be taking over the zoning position in combination with public works. The Bowens' contractor has not applied for their permit yet.

Public Works: Public Works Director Page told the Council that the town is done fogging for the season. He plans to get with Brent Kelly to map out a route next year to spray from the meadow side of the slough so the fog would drift back over the town. He submitted the worksheet for hours fogging and distributing the briquettes in the slough. Weed and Pest will reimburse the town for product used and use the hour toward an administrative grant they sponsor. Page told the Council that Laramie GM is helping him write an RFP on a new town truck. Any of the accessory items they want to put on the truck will go out on a separate bid. The Infinity the company that was coming to install the pump sensors at the lagoon has bailed again. Page has been in contact with Timberline and they are putting together a bid to do the install. He has also been pricing tires for the backhoe and is scheduling time to do service on the hoe. The gantry is here and needs assembled and he is waiting on the cart for the oxyacetylene set up.

HCJPB: The Board still doesn't have a budget. They are trying to include impact funds as revenue and figure in the revenue from accepting outside waste. They are ordering new roll offs and are matching them to the new trash truck.

Park Board: Park Board will furnish the paper products for the Labor Day Picnic and games for the kids.

Cemetery Board: Report is an agenda item.

Museum Board: Museum Director Hobbs said the living history days have been a success. There is another one next Wednesday. Albert Zamora and sons have donated a sheep wagon to the museum. It is in need of some renovations and Don Ljungblad has offered to do the renovation. Reese Johnson said they could store the mail buggy and the wagon in the Bjork shop for the winter. Hobbs visited with a lady who is interested in donating quite a few items from the area to the museum. The museum board has taken on the organization of the Labor Day Celebration as a fundraiser. There will be a rubber "duckie" race in the slough, horseshoe tournament, kid's games and a carry in picnic with the town furnishing the chicken and hot dogs. The antique Highway Patrol car will be in town. Hobbs asked about the furnace for the building before winter and Page said he would start pricing them. He also plans to rekey the front and back door. He's in the process of replacing the wooden deck off the back of the building.

CCVC: The town received their monthly meeting minutes.

CCCOG: The Mayor attended the last meeting in Baggs where he was elected Chairman of CCCOG. WyDot did their 5 year plan presentation. The next meeting is in Hanna, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. They are planning a presentation on WY211.

LEPC: Bob Meyer said he would be attending the LEPC meeting and keep up on the THIRA needed for FEMA grants.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Crane told the Council that she had adjusted the June 30, 2019 EOY report. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the 2019 Corrected June Treasurer Report and the July Treasurers Report as presented;** Cm. Mustard seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from July 9, 2019 through August 12, 2019 in the amount of \$70,100.07; Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Carbon Power & Light, Inc., WDEQ-ISC, HCJPB, Carbon County Clerk

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Review and Approval HCJPB FY 2019-20 Budget: The town has still not received the budget to approve. **Cm. Jones made a motion to table the Review and Approval of the HCJPB FY 2019-20 Budget;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Resolution 19-7-8A Approving the Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department to Bill for Services to Non Residents: Mayor Irene said he had tried to talk with Fire Warden Rutherford but hadn't been able to catch up with him. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to table the Resolution 19-7-8A Approving the Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department to Bill for Services to Non Residents till a later date;** Cm. Jones seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Accepting Donation Offer for Mill Creek Cemetery: There was an interested donor that made an offer to install a sprinkler system at the cemetery. After a discussion of the pros and cons of a sprinkler it was decided if they want to donate to the cemetery a gazebo would be put to better use. More research needs done on either item so **Cm. Jones tabled the acceptance of the Donation for Mill Creek Cemetery till a later date;** Cm. Mustard seconded motion; ; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Carbon Power & Light, INC. request for review of a franchise agreement: There was a discussion on the franchise agreement with CP&L. It is a 25 year agreement and terminated in July of 2019. Russell Waldner offered to come and speak to the Council about this agreement so it was decided ask him to attend next meeting. **Cm. Jones tabled the Carbon Power & Light, INC. request for review of a franchise agreement until a the time Mr. Waldner could attend the meeting;** Cm. Hobbs seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WDEQ Two Rivers & Lucky Star Wind Projects Application-Party to the Permit; **Cm. Jones made a motion to become a party to the Two Rivers & Lucky Star Wind Projects;** Cm. Mustard seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. After a discussion **Cm. Mustard made a motion to request \$300K in impact funds, \$180K for the McFadden Fire Department and \$120K for Public Works and Town Infrastructure;** Cm. Hobbs seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. Cm. Hobbs will be representing the town at the Sept. prehearing and the Oct. hearing.

Specific Purpose Tax Representative Appointment; Mayor Irene appointed Pat Eastman as the town's representative to the 2019 Specific Purpose Tax Board.

Zoning Revision Meeting; A Special Meeting workshop will be held August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM to discuss zoning revisions with WLC Engineering.

The Mayor gave a brief update on the natural gas project. He has been in contact with Black Hills Energy about engineering, routes to get gas under the interstate and tap fees.

Clerk Crane said that SLIB has a new Mineral Royalties Grant that may be able to be used on the historic landfill project if it comes up short on AML funding.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM**; Cm. Jones seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

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MAYOR