

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, October 17, 2022, 6:30PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**Meeting called to order:** Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge Recited.

**Roll Call:** Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Heidi Hess, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Will Redmond, Public Works Director, Garrett Irene, and Ken Casner. Representatives from Carbon County Visitor's Council Leslie Jefferson, Julie Webb, and Megan McComis.

**Approval of Agenda:** Cm. Joe Neel made a motion to approve the agenda as read; Cm. Mustard Seconded the motion; Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Approve Minutes:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2022; Cm. Neel seconded the motion; Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Ay motion carries.

**Citizens and Guests Participation:** Leslie Jefferson, Julie Webb, and Megan McComis, presented the Carbon County Visitor's Council 2022 Fiscal Year update. The CCVC's mission is to promote events, tourism, and the hospitality industry in Carbon County. The 2% Lodging Tax is paid by visitors and travelers that visit and stay in Carbon County. The 2% lodging tax differs from the state lodging tax, as it stays completely local and solely focuses on marketing Carbon County. In 2022 travelers to and through Carbon County spent \$227.6 million, generating \$14.1 million for local governments, which accounted for 30.4% of all taxes generated in the county. Our own Elk Mountain Museum benefits from the CCVC. The 2% lodging tax will be on the November ballot.

**Reports:**

**Fire Department:** Garrett Irene, an Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department officer, presented the Fire Department report. Garret reported that the fire department is doing well. They have welcomed a new member too the roster. Search and rescue responded to a lost hunter. The members of the fire department were joined with several other locals to successfully find the lost hunter. The fire department responded to a fire near the Shirley Mountains, they assisted the Hanna and Medicine Bow Volunteer Fire Departments. Garrett also reported that he and Will Redmond are looking into to getting an emergency generator for the Fire Hall. The plan for the generator is to serve the community during an electrical outage. The generator will provide a warm place for those without heat and a power source for those needing oxygen during a power outage. Garrett shared that the Gun Raffle tickets are on sale. The 2022 Annual Chili Cook-Off is in the early planning stages. The tentative date for the Chili Cook-Off is December 31, 2022. The quilt, donated by Kathy Williams, to be raffled at the chili cook-off is on display in the Town Office.

**SCWEMS:** No Report

**Public Works Dept:** Will Redmond, the Public Works Director presented the report. Will reported the garbage truck is running well. The free chlorine monitor has been fixed and is running better. The park has been winterized. Street signs are up, and Will reported that he has a few more signs to finish. The fresh air vent has been put back up at the sewer lagoon. Will's plans for the upcoming month include replacing the solar bee in the east tank, flush the hydrants, and change oil in generators. Will presented a proposal to the council to purchase equipment, which will use salt and electricity to make hydro chlorate solution. As the price of chlorine continues to escalate, along with the difficulty of obtaining chlorine, this equipment would help the town produce their own chlorine for the water system.

**HCJPB:** No report given.

**Park Board:** There have been no meetings of the Park Board. The park has been winterized.

**Cemetery Board:** No Report.

**Museum Board:** Angie Hobbs, the Elk Mountain Museum Director, reported that the museum is closed for the season. Angie is available for tours of the museum if she receives any calls. Will Redmond will be working on the walls of the new museum building during the winter. Angie reported that the hole in the entryway has been covered and a new rug has been ordered. The doors to the museum still need replaced.

**CCVC:** Report was given earlier in the evening by Leslie Jefferson.

**CCOG:** No Report

**LEPC:** The meeting for October was cancelled.

**CCEDC:** No Report

**Treasurer's Report: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the corrected August 2022 Treasurer's Report;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene, Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's Report;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene, Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022, through October 17, 2022, in the amount of \$36,634.74;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Wind Impact Report:** Impact Report – Received Funds from Gateway South.

**Correspondence:** Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded.

**Old Business:**

**Natural Gas Update:** Mayor Irene has spoken to the engineer. The feasibility study is close to completion.

**Vacation of Abandoned Alleys:** More research is required before moving forward.

**New Business:**

**State Land and Investment Board Water and Sewer and Health and Human Services American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application.** The grant money will be used for the Elk Mountain Water Tank and Fill Station Project. The project will include upgrades to the water treatment plant, which includes the plans to install a third water tank for non-potable water and a bulk water loading station. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to submit the State Land and Investment Board Water and Sewer and Health and Human Services American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Application;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Brett Larson appointment to Cemetery Board: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the appointment of Brett Larson to the Cemetery Board;** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 22-07; DESIGNATING 304 OAK STREET ADDRESS ON FIRST READING: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to take the approval ordinance No. 22-07, Designating 304 Oak Street address off the table;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 22-07; DESIGNATING 304 OAK STREET ADDRESS ON FIRST READING: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-07, Designating 304 Oak Street on the first reading;** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Executive Session:** None needed.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Council **Cm. Mustard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; all in favor none oppose.

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Clerk

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Mayor