

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, January 10, 2022, 6:30pm 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. Craig Mustard

Absent Cm. Kennedy

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer and Will Redmond, Public Works Director

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Christine and Joe Neel and Evie Neel, Brian O'Connor, and Garrett Irene

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. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes; Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: None

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: Chief O'Connor and Garrett Irene reported on the fire department. The Department responded to rollovers, extrication and multi car crashes on the interstate last month. They had calls that they were also unable to answer because of a shortage of volunteers. The Chili Cook-off was held New Years Eve. They wanted to thank everyone for the support of the fundraiser. They are looking over options for a date for the 2022 Cook-off. Residences input on a date pre-Christmas or pre-New Year's would be appreciated. If you have thoughts on the timing let a fireman know. Garrett Irene and Bob Meyer attended fire school. The Gun Raffle is getting ready to start there are a few tickets left to purchase. The newly donated fire truck is here, and they are discussing what to do with the old Portland. The Mayor asked about fire hydrant replacements. Chief O'Connor said they would look into if they need to replace all of them or if there were just certain one that needed changed out. The flow meter had not been replaced so they need to purchase one. The Mayor was questioned on the status of the fire district. He said he would see where that is at the next CCCOG meeting.

SCWEMS: Ambulance Director Mosley has EMT classes scheduled. The next meeting is Monday in Hanna.

Public Works: Mayor Irene introduced Will Redmond the new Public Works Director to the Council and audience. Redmond said he has been spending time organizing the cold storage and his office and moving snow, doing the trash run and becoming familiar with the town equipment. He has spoken with Joe Dankelman, the area water circuit rider about coming to help him with water and sewer certification materials. Redmond said he can't find the 2nd key for removing meter cover. The Mayor said to get with Northfork and Jon could tell him where to get one ordered. There was council discussion on the trash truck door and how to fix it. Redmond asked about purchasing a snow pusher blade that fits on the backhoe. The Mayor said to find pricing and if this is something that could be purchased used. The towing company has shown interest in taking the empty blue chlorine barrels. We are having trouble with the chlorine company not picking up empties and when they do, they charge us a shipping and cleaning bill. It was decided to let the towing company take them and let them know they shouldn't use for drinking water. The Mayor told the council that on Christmas Eve the sewer lagoon generator lost a leg

on the 3 phase. It was repaired but needs some work, so it doesn't do it again. The heat at the water tanks has been fixed. We are waiting on a bid to fixing the ductwork at the sewer lagoon.

HCJPB: No report

Museum Board: Director Hobbs told the Council that the electrician had a problem with supplies and weather, so he couldn't finish up the 21st of December. He is rescheduled to be back the 18th to finish up and bid the 2nd phase of wiring. Hobbs wanted to thank the hotel for sending over guest to tour the museum. She told the council that the museum received a \$1,000 donation for the building project from Margaret Karstoff and a donation of \$250 from the Casper Antique Auto Club.

CCVC: Received minutes from their meetings.

CCCOG: Meeting next week.

LEPC: No December Meeting

CCEDC: No Report

Treasurer Report: Crane told the Council that the correction to the impact fund is reflected on the December treasure's report **Cm. Hobbs motioned to approve the December Treasurer Reports;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Bills to Ratify and Paid: **Cm. Mustard made a motion to pay the bills from December 14, 2021, thru January 10, 2022, in the amount of \$15,149.00;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WIND IMPACT REPORT: Impact report was included in Council packet and Crane said it shows the corrected amounts. The Mayor brought up again that they should be looking funds to move into the new trash truck fund.

CORRESPONDENCE: 2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation, Rock Creek Wind Energy Project, Various emails and board minutes.

Crane told the Council she had received interest from Joe Neel in filling the vacancy on the council and he is attending tonight's meeting to observe. The Mayor asked if he felt this was something he wanted to do after observing and he said it was. The Mayor appointed Mr. Neel to the fill the vacant seat. He will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comment Period and 3rd Reading Ordinance #21-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, CARBON COUNTY WYOMING; No other comment had been received. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to accept Ordinance #21-03 on 3rd Reading;** Cm: Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. It was discussed that the draft on the website needed to show when it was passed and that it supersedes any other zoning ordinances. It also needs printed to place in the town code book.

Natural Gas Update- The Mayor told the Council that he needed some more pictures for the engineer of the Black Hills station.

WyDot Requests: Brian Lashley, WyDot Maintenance Supervisor was unable to attend tonight's meeting but asked that the council consider some requests. He had asked previously to have the town send a letter

to discontinue trash service at the maintenance shop so he could negotiate with private firms. The town's two "commercial outside of town" accounts needed to be able to look to private companies for service so that the town was not competing with private industry. After no private company showed interest in servicing the maintenance shop or the Elk Mountain Conoco the town will continue to provide trash pickup. The new rates for the maintenance shop will be \$300 per month year-round.

Lashley also asked if the town would be interested in using the town's vac truck to pump at the maintenance building at least 2 times a year. They now use a private company but wanted to give the town the opportunity for revenue. The Mayor said the town is not interest in taking that on. The vac truck needs a complete going over before it can be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Website-Cm. Hobbs said she had some changes/deletions/additions to the town website, and she wanted to get the correct information. She asked if there was a building permit and variance application that could be downloaded for the public to use. Crane said she should have one that she would send her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 8:04 PM;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

CLERK

MAYOR