

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018 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. Cody Jones

Cm. Dawn Kenneda

Cm. Robert Meyer

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Ellen Meyer, Ryan Lewis, Bill Sherwood, John Page, Craig Mustard

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

APPROVE MINUTES: **Cm. Kenneda made a motion to approve the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Abstain, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: No one addressed the Council

REPORTS: Fire Dept: Chief Ryan Lewis told the Council the department responded to 105 calls YTD. The new gear the department ordered is arriving. They checked the air packs; 4 packs and 4 bottles were out of date. The heat at the fire hall is working after being repaired. Bob O'Connor has been working at keeping up with the snow removal around the fire hall.

SCWEMS: No report from representative. It has been discussed that the service would like to build a training room, office and possible living quarters on to the existing Saratoga barn. They have tentatively discussed using 6th penny tax revenue with Saratoga sponsorship.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council that the annual water test is complete and the results are back. He said the county treasurer should have already issued the 2009 Specific Purpose Tax check to the town and another smaller check should be issued in another year. Crane said the town had received the check. Mayor Irene said he had been researching replacements for the water meters and meter reading system for the town. The radio read firefly system that was sold to the town has ended up being a scam with ineffective equipment affecting quite a few cities and towns.

Zoning: No report.

Public Works: Mayor Irene told the Council that Public Works Director Neuman had resigned due to personal reasons and turned in his two week notice effective October 31st. Mayor Irene has asked him to stay on as needed as an hourly employee. The Mayor told the Council that John Page will also work in a public works capacity in an on need bases as an hourly employee. Page is already employed as the backup water personnel. Page gave a report to the Council covering the installation of doors in the PW building, installation of the park bathroom door knob, researching a propane office heater and working on cleaning the cold storage. Future project include installing the door in the back of the cold storage building, adding new shelving, wiring for electric in cold storage, fix the welder to be able to do in house repairs, audit the town's buildings and work on the remaining portion of the emergency preparedness plan. The Mayor and Page have been specking and pricing the public works items listed in the wind impact funds request.

HCJPB: No report.

Park Board: No report.

Cemetery Board: No report

Museum Board: No Report.

CCVC: No report.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene attended a regular and a special meeting held at the Jeffery Center in Rawlins. The County, City and Towns were supposed to bring their projects and costs to the meetings for 6th Penny projects. They are working at getting the 6th penny tax on the May ballot. The first list of requests came in at \$76M+ and with average tax revenues an amount of \$48M is a more realistic request. All parties were asked to bring back new requests with cuts to get down to less than 17 years bonding. The Town of Elk Mountain cut \$250K from their original amount for the natural gas project. The entities brought the number down to around \$52M. Clerk Bartlett is sending out a survey to all residents and they will discuss results at the January meeting in Rawlins. Cm. Kenneda asked for some clarification on the bonding procedures. The Mayor explained that entities that bond get their money up front to start right away on their projects whereas the entities that don't bond have to wait till all the money they requested is received from the tax then dispersed. The Mayor told the Council he had a conversation with the COG Board about the dissatisfaction many of the entities that were participating agencies in the wind impact hearing had with the ISC. Amy Bach with the County Attorney's Office offered to write a letter to the ISC about this concern. The Mayor asked that the first draft of the letter be revised.

LEPC: Cm. Meyer attended the LEPC November meeting but was absent last meeting so gave the report at this meeting. The representative from the two newest wind projects gave a presentation. He said the Red Cross has a program to install free smoke alarms to anyone who would like one. He was looking into it more. The next meeting is this Thursday. The Mayor brought up some sabotage to a natural gas pipeline near Cheyenne and wondered if LEPC had looked at situation like this. Meyer said they had some training in this area. The Mayor brought up the Two Rivers and Lucky Star Wind Projects that are being discussed now and a concern he has on the traffic and routing on Highway 13 of the turbines and supplies to the projects. He wanted to know if the fire department here felt that the town should sponsor the McFadden Fire Department as a partner in funding thru impact tax for equipment, training, etc. McFadden would be one of the first responders in the area and they don't have the capability to become a participating agency without sponsorship. Chief Lewis said he felt the volunteers here would get behind it and he would talk to the McFadden Chief to see how they felt about it. Lewis also brought up the need to recruit and retain EMS personnel.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Crane told the Council that Governor Mead in his final budget for the state put in \$20M in Consensus Grant funding for the state. He also included the \$1.5M in direct distribution to the municipalities in the state. How the new Governor sees these expenditures is to be seen and how the legislator picks it apart is also to be seen. But contacting your legislative representatives is a way to make your voice heard on the budget items. Crane told the Council she had transferred funds received from the wind impact taxes and the Specific Purpose Tax out of the money market account to WyoStar. And that the Boswell Springs project's November collections from the County received in December was \$16K. **Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve the November Treasurer Report as presented;** Cm. Jones seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from November 14, 2018 to December 10, 2018 in the amount of \$18,512.85;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bank of Commerce, CCEDC, WDEQ-Boswell Springs Wind LLC, Various emails and minutes sent out

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer Pump Controller: The controllers haven't arrived yet with the weather it may be a spring installation.

Boswell Springs Wind Project: Clerk Crane told the Council that the Boswell Permit has been approved for an amendment to their decommissioning bond because they are putting up fewer turbines and building fewer roads.

TB Flats Wind Project: No Update

Ekola Flats: No Update

Gateway West Transmission Line Project: The Gateway Project permit has been received and the pay schedule was included. The town received their full request for impact funds.

Town Code: Clerk Crane told the Council that Cm Meyer had the town code on the webpage.

NEW BUSINESS:

WLC-Boundary and Utility Survey: After a discussion on the Town Boundary and Utility Survey **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve WLC Engineering to do the boundary and utility survey for \$46K;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

Resolution 18-12-10 Amending Budget Ordinance #17-01: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve Resolution 18-12-10; A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE #17-01 FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

Checking and WyoStar Accounts: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to remove Cm. Kennedy and Meyer from the Rawlins National Bank Checking Accounts and the WyoStar Account and add the newly elected Cm. Kennedy and Mustard to the accounts;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

Mayor Irene took this time to say thank you to outgoing Cm. Kennedy for all she's done for the town during her time on the Council. The Mayor thanked outgoing Cm. Meyer for the 6 years he served on the Council and the huge help he has been serving on various boards and his volunteering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 7:35 PM;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

CLERK

MAYOR