

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2026, 6:30 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Morgan Irene at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Joe Neel
Mayor Morgan Irene
Cm. Craig Mustard
Cm. Linda Crane
Public Works Director Will Redmond
Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Hess
Absent: Cm. Angie Hobbs

Guests in Attendance: Ken Casner and Fire Chief Brian O'Connor.

Approval of Agenda: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of February 9, 2026. Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Fire Chief, Brian O'Connor, presented the fire department report to the council. Brian reported that the fire department has invested in WyoStar and asked if the town could help out if any funding emergencies arise, as the investment funds cannot be accessed on short notice. Brian also reported the calls the fire department has responded to. All the fire trucks are operational thanks to Rylie Richardsons help.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. The mayor reported that SCWEMS has reposted the director position job. The SCWEMS board is gearing up for their budget season and is working on ideas to increase their revenue for 2026-2027.

Public Works: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director, presented the public works report to the council. Will reported that the water treatment plant and the sewer lagoon are running well. The garbage truck is running well after the latest repairs. Our SLIB loan application for our water project is placed 25th out of 57 projects. IUP finalization is in June, and the loan application deadline is October 2026. Will is working on the WYDOT application for our natural gas project this week. **Cm. Crane made a motion to subscribe to Diamond Maps and to also purchase the receiver for Diamond Maps.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried. Will then gave the council an update on the generator at the fire department.

HCJPB: Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11 at the Elk Mountain Community Center.

Park Board: Clerk Hess presented the park board report to the council in the absence of Chairman Brett Larson. Brett was attending the Carbon County School District #2 Recreation Board meeting to present the park board grant application. These funds will be used for the park Labor Day event and the 2nd Annual Garden Spot Music Festival. The park board is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Centennial Park here in Elk Mountain on April 4th at 10:00 AM. The report also included that one of the basketball hoops at the park is cracked and will need repaired.

Cemetery Board: Clerk Hess presented the cemetery board report to the council for Chairman, Brett Larson. Brett and Will are looking to repair some broken fence posts at the cemetery. Brett is getting a quote from a contractor from Rock River to repair the fencing at the cemetery.

Museum Board: Museum Board members Linda Crane and Heidi Hess reported the museum report to the council. Director Hobbs was attending the CCSD#2 Recreation Board meeting to present the museum grant application. The 4th annual tea party went great and was very well attended. Angie is now working on the Kentucky Derby event planned for Memorial Day weekend. The local legends movie premiere will be held on April 11th at the hotel for the stars and their families. The movie will then be shown again on Memorial Day during the town celebration.

Discover Carbon County: Clerk Hess also reported the Discover Carbon County report for the Elk Mountain representative, Courtney Priest. Courtney has been attending regular board meetings with DCC and she also attended the Governors Travel and Hospitality Conference in Cheyenne February 22nd -24th. DCC was well represented at the conference. There were a variety of keynote speakers at the conference and there were breakout sessions on several topics including AI, social media, and other travel trends. Domenic Bravo, the new Executive Director for the Wyoming Office of Tourism, spoke at the conference. The DCC met in February at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel for a strategic planning session with consultants from Berkeley and Associates to update and work on the tourism master plan for the county. In March the DCC will look over the submissions from the towns around the county for the Destination Development grant funding. Thank you to the Elk Mountain interest group for their work on the project.

CCCOG: No report.

CCEDC: No report.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Cm Neel made a motion to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Crane made a motion to approve February 10, 2026, through March 9, 2026, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$33,916.86. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: Updated March 6, 2026

Correspondence: Text from Ken Casner Re: Water and various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business:

- Community Center stove/oven. The council voted to sell the current stove/oven from the community center kitchen to HEM High School in the amount of \$3,200.00. The current stove/oven will not work with the electrical hook up in the kitchen.

New Business:

- **Approval of Resolution 26-09-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TB FLATS WIND IMPACT FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE ELK MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUNKER GEAR.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve **Resolution 26-09-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TB FLATS WIND IMPACT FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE ELK MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BUNKER GEAR.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business to go before the council. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Clerk

Mayor