

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

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

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Absent: Cm. Joe Neel and Cm. Wade Nelson

Also present were Will Redmond, the Public Works Director and Heidi Hess, Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests present: Bob Johnson, Brett Larson, Ken Casner, and Mike Armstrong.

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

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 14, 2023. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: No Report.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. The contractor has been approved to install the sheet rock in the new meeting room for the ambulance barn in Saratoga. There has been a positive response to the critical care hospital in Saratoga. SCWEMS is trying to get people signed up for the EMT classes that had been advertised. There have been several people who signed up to drive the ambulances, more people have gotten their EMT licenses, and another person earned their EMT I certification.

Public Works Department: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director, presented the public works report to the council. The garbage truck has been in for maintenance and is running great. The white town truck is currently in for maintenance and repair for a bad fuel pump and two recall fixes. Will is three quarters of the way done with the new museum building walls. The water treatment plant and the lagoon are running great. Will is going to build some doors on the wet well building. The rest of September, Will plans to work on the lead and copper rule, finishing the museum, patching potholes and will be getting new tires for the white town truck before winter. The park sprinklers have been shut down and this week Will is planning on locking the bathrooms.

HCJPB: Mayor Irene presented the HCJPB report to the council. The latest meeting was held in Elk Mountain on September 7th. The group met to pay bills and approve the balances to the check book. The water report came back, and it looks good again.

Park Board: No Report.

Cemetery Board: Brett Larson, the Cemetery Board Chair, presented the cemetery board report to the council. Brett presented the new cemetery map drafts to the council for their review. Brett also spoke of the road construction project for the new sections of the cemetery and the cost to complete the project. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to cover the difference of the cemetery road project up to \$3,000.00 using monies from the Mayor Contingency Fund.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the Mass Grading quote for the cemetery road project.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

Museum Board: Angie Hobbs, the museum director, presented the museum board report to the council. The museum season has wrapped up for the summer. There were many foreign visitors, which Angie was happy to see after the covid travel restrictions. Over the summer there were some museum retail sales and the museum received cash donations in the amount of \$563.00. The museum has received the reimbursement check for last years Carbon County School District #2 Recreation Grant in the amount of \$9,966.62 and another donation from Margaret Karstoff in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help finish the interior of the new museum building and some more display cases. The annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser is scheduled to take place in October. The museum will be partnering with the library and the Hanna Elk Mountain FFA chapter to host this annual event.

CCVC: Mike Armstrong a member of the Carbon County Visitors Council was on hand to share information with the council regarding the CCVC. Mike shared who the new CCVC officers are. The CCVC is putting together a strategic plan for the grant money they donate each year. CCVC very generously donates to the counties museums each year. The CCVC is one of the generous contributors to the Elk Mountain Museum.

CCOG: No Report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th here at the Elk Mountain town hall.

LEPC: No Report.

CCEDC: Fundraiser for the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation will be held October 6th at the Saratoga Platte Valley Center at 6:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: The July treasurers' report had a twenty-cent discrepancy that the town treasurer found and corrected. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the corrected July 2023 Treasurer Report.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

Approval of the August 2023 Treasurer Report was put on hold.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023, through September 11, 2023, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$22,841.32. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: The updated Wind Impact Report was included in the council packets.

Correspondence: Public Notice from Sinclair Parco Refining. Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business:

- **Third Reading Ordinance 23-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 10-1-5, AND 10-1-15. REGARDING WATER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING.** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 10-1-5, AND 10-1-15. REGARDING WATER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.
- **Third Reading Ordinance 23-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 10-3-4. REGARDING SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING.** Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 10-3-4. REGARDING SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.

New Business:

- **Bond Insurance.** According to Wyoming State Statute 38-2-101 custodians of governmental funds shall be required to furnish a bond in the amount required by law. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to have all the Elk Mountain town council and mayor bonded and the bonds to be provided by the town of Elk Mountain.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carried.
- **Annual Report for State Auditor's Office.** Heidi Hess, the Clerk/Treasurer, along with the help of Linda Crane, Reese Johnson, and Cm. Wade Nelson has prepared and finished the annual report for the State Auditor's Office. This annual report will be sent to the state auditor's office this week.

Executive Session: None Needed.

Adjournment: With no further business to be brought before the council, **Cm. Mustard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor