

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024, 6:30 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

Meeting called to order: Mayor Morgan Irene called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Wade Nelson

Absent: Cm. Angie Hobbs and Cm. Craig Mustard.

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

Guests present: Brett Larson, Ken Casner, Mike Armstrong, Leslie Jefferson, and Megan McComas.

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

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, council meeting. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye the motion carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: No Report

SCWEMS: Mayor Morgan Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. Morgan reported that the Saratoga SCWEMS station is nearing completion. The third amendment for the JPB was approved by all the governing bodies and has been forwarded to the Wyoming Attorney General. There are no updates to the Hanna SCWEMS station. SCWEMS is currently working on their budget and those numbers will be forwarded to the entities soon.

Public Works Department: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director, presented the public works report to the council. The water plant and lagoon are running well. The garbage truck is also running well. Will has been monitoring the snowpack in the slough and the water has cut all the way through the snow. Will does not anticipate any flooding. There is one more wall in the museum to finish. Will has been in contact with backhoe dealers and has been pricing new, used and lease options.

HCJPB: No Report.

Park Board: Brett Larson, the chairperson for the park board, presented the park board report to the council. The council approved the appointment of Joe Lansing and Linda Crane to the park board. The new members of the park board met recently and discussed many items such as fundraising, event planning, and the possibility of raising the price to rent the pavilion from a \$30 refundable deposit to a \$50 nonrefundable fee to help cover the cost of cleaning the park after events.

Cemetery Board: Brett Larson, the chairperson for the cemetery board, presented the cemetery board report to the council. Brett brought a sample cemetery section sign to show the council members. Will and Brett will begin digging the holes for the new signs soon.

Museum Board: Heidi Hess, the Secretary/Treasurer for the museum board, reported that the director, Angie Hobbs, is planning a Tea Party to be hosted at the Elk Mountain Historic Hotel on April 20th at 3:00 P.M. Angie is also gearing up for the annual Kentucky Derby Race to kick off the museum summer season during Memorial Day weekend.

CCVC: Leslie Jefferson and Megan McComas from the Carbon County Visitors Council were guest speakers at the council meeting. Leslie shared the final “Discover Carbon County” master plan, and the feasibility study for the “Pathways National Heritage Area” for Carbon and Natrona counties. Leslie also shared plans that are underway, such as way finding signs, mobile visitor center which will be used for JEEP Day on May 18th, virtual visitor center app, and the plan to utilize Trip Advisor to share Carbon County with travelers.

CCCOG: No Report

CCEDC: No Report

Treasurer’s Report: Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the March 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve the March 12, 2024, through April 8, 2024 Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$26,096.17. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye the motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: Report Included in Packet

Correspondence: Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business: No old business was brought before the council.

New Business:

- **Candidate Filing May 16, 2024, through May 31, 2024.** The town of Elk Mountain has two council seats up for election/reelection for 2024. Anyone interested must file before May 31, 2024. You can pick up candidate packets from the town office after April 29th, 2024.
- **Carbon County Visitors Council – Elk Mountain Representative Needed.**

Guest Speaker: Leslie Jefferson and Megan McComas from Carbon County Visitors Council.

Adjournment: With no further regular business to be brought before the council the regular council meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
1ST READING OF FY 24-25 BUDGET
Monday, April 8, 2024, TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

- I. Budget Hearing was called to order 7:32 PM by Mayor Morgan Irene.**
- II. Roll Call:** Council Present: Cm. Joe Neel, Cm. Wade Nelson, and Mayor Morgan Irene.
- III. Approval of Agenda:** Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Agenda. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. All council members present voting aye, none opposed, the motion carried.
- IV. Budget Discussion:**
- V. 1st Reading FY 24-25 Budget:** Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of the FY 24-25 Budget. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye the motion carried.
- VI. Adjournment of Hearing:** With no further business to be brought before the council, Cm. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the 1st Reading of the 24-25 Budget Hearing at 9:38 P.M. Cm. Neel seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none opposed.

Clerk

Mayor