

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
TOWN UTILITY INCREASE HEARING
Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:30 PM COMMUNITY CENTER**

Utility Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pro Tiem Angie Hobbs at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs
Cm. Joe Neel
Cm. Linda Crane

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

Utility Increase Discussion: Mayor Pro Tiem Hobbs opened the discussion to questions from the council and guests present. The council discussed increasing the water price per thousand gallons of water by twenty-five cents and then increase the price per thousand gallons of water by twenty-five cents annually. The price per thousand gallons for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year will be \$3.25 per thousand gallons up to twenty thousand gallons. Twenty thousand and one gallon up to Fifty thousand gallons will be \$4.25 per thousand gallons and fifty thousand and one gallon will be \$5.25 per thousand gallons. The sewer rate will increase from \$15.00 per month to \$17.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and then increase two dollars annually.

Adjournment: With no further business to be brought before the council. **Cm. Neel made a motion to adjourn the utility increase hearing.** Cm. Crane seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:45 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

Meeting called to order at 6:47 PM, By Mayor Pro Tiem Angie Hobbs.

Those Present at Roll Call:

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

Guests in Attendance: Brett Larson, Ken Casner, Fire Chief Brian O'Connor, Assistant Fire Chief Jon Williams, and Archie Roybal.

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

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

Guest Speaker: Ken Casner addressed the council regarding the town's water.

Reports:

Fire Department: Report shared from Assistant Fire Chief Jon William's notes. Fire Department gun raffles are still ongoing. Rig checks are in progress. Elections for officers will be held at the May fire department meeting. The old fire department generator will be donated to a private individual.

SCWEMS: No report.

Public Works: Public Works Director, Will Redmond, presented the public works report to the council. The water treatment plant and the sewer lagoon are running fine. Will has received the state inspection for the new generator at the fire hall and passed. Getting new signs for the burn pile, trash trailer, and a no outlet sign by the bridge. The town will not be selling commercial water this summer. The wells are down twenty feet and have not had artesian flow in a year and a half. Will is monitoring very diligently and hopefully we won't have to go on water restrictions. Will is going to take down the damaged basketball hoops at park before anyone is hurt. We are looking into purchasing new hoops soon. Will is going to water conference during the week of April 20th.

HCJPB: Board member Brett Larson reported the next meeting will be held next month.

Park Board: Chairman, Brett Larson, presented the park board report to the council. The annual Easter Egg hunt went was a success. Park board officer elections were held at the last park board meeting. The park board is waiting to hear back from their CCSD#2 recreation board grant application. The Labor Day event is in the planning stages and is scheduled for September 5th. The second annual Garden Spot Music Festival will be held the same day.

Cemetery Board: Chairman, Brett Larson, presented the cemetery board report to the council. Brett had gotten a quote to replace the fencing at the cemetery. The cemetery board have voted to do the fencing work themselves. They will repair the fence as needed.

Museum Board: Director, Angie Hobbs, presented the museum board report to the council. The premiere of the Elk Mountain Legacy film went very well. The movie will be shown again during the Town BBQ which is held every year after the Kentucky Derby race. The museum has new doors. The museum will be open for summer hours beginning next month.

Discover Carbon County: No report.

CCCOG: No report.

CCEDC: No report.

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

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Crane made a motion to approve March 10, 2026, through April 13, 2026, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$82,892.62. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: Updated April 10, 2026.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Old Business:

Community Center stove/oven. The stove has been sold to CCSD#2 for the HEM High School in the amount of \$3,200.00. We will shop for a replacement soon.

New Business:

First Reading Ordinance #26-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 10-1-15. REGARDING WATER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. TO INCREASE THE USAGE RATE PER THOUSAND GALLONS ANNUALLY BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.25) COMMENCING THE FIRST BILLING PERIOD IN JULY EACH YEAR. Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the first reading of the amended Ordinance 26-01. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, SECTION 10-1-15. REGARDING WATER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. TO INCREASE THE USAGE RATE PER THOUSAND GALLONS ANNUALLY BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$0.25) COMMENCING THE FIRST BILLING PERIOD IN JULY EACH YEAR.** Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

First Reading Ordinance #26-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 10-3-4. REGARDING SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY BASE RATE ANNUALLY BY TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) PER MONTH. COMMENCING THE FIRST BILLING PERIOD IN JULY EACH YEAR. Cm. Crane made a motion to approve the first reading of the amended ordinance 26-02. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 10-3-4. REGARDING SEWER REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING. TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY BASE RATE ANNUALLY BY TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) PER MONTH. COMMENCING THE FIRST BILLING PERIOD IN JULY EACH YEAR.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

First Reading of 2026-2027 Budget. Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the amended 2026-2027 budget. Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Contract Labor Question. Per Wyoming State Statute any maintenance work for Public Works or the town does not need to be advertised unless the work exceeds \$75,000.00.

Park Maintenance Bids. It was decided that the park maintenance job would be advertised as it has been in the past. Park maintenance bids are now being accepted at the town hall until May 11th at 4:00 PM MDST.

Credit Card Security Policy. Cm. Crane made a motion to approve the credit card security policy. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Creation of Town Face Book Page. Cm. Crane made a motion to table the approval of a Town Face Book page. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Absent, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business to go before the council. Cm. Neel made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 9:17 PM. Cm. Crane seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Clerk

Mayor