

UNOFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Cm. Craig Mustard

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent, John Page, Public Works

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Chris Garcia, Ken Campbell, Bob Meyer, Garrett Irene

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

APPROVE MINUTES: **Cm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Bob Meyer wanted to ask some questions on Impact Funds for the Fire Department. He will discuss it in the Fire Department report.

REPORTS: Fire Dept: Assistant Chief Meyers reported on 11 incidents, fuel crash, fire calls, semi wrecks and rollover with 2 fatalities. Classic Air responded to one of the crashes. Bob Meyer was elected Assistant Chief. He reported that membership is down but they have some possible volunteers. The Chili Cook-off is Dec. 14th with the quilt raffle as their fundraiser. They have the new gun raffle tickets available. The first drawing will be in January. Meyer thanked John Page for getting the new locks installed on the exterior doors and working on the rodent problem. Meyer asked about the remaining impact funds designated to the fire department. He wanted to know if there are stipulations of remaining funds, spend it or lose it. Mayor Irene told him we were keeping these funds categorized much like an enterprise funds and the monies will be there when needed. Cm. Kennedy asked if the Chief was leaving the department and Meyers said that he was looking into moving but will remain the Chief until anything happens. There was a chimney fire at a resident's home. 4 fire men from Elk Mountain responded with 2 from the Hanna department. They kept it at minimal damage.

SCWEMS: The meeting was in Hanna tonight.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council he is operating on artesian flow on well #3. He has been running well #4 intermittently. The Laramie Water Superintendent came up to check out well# 4 to see if the variable frequency drive has been causing the problem. He will follow up on what he found out. Eastman asked about a damage deposit for using the Senior Center. He asked if the center was used much and Clerk Crane said the usage was down. The Council wanted to know if they were having problems and they didn't seem to be.

Zoning: Nothing for Zoning

Public Works: Public Works Director Page told the Council he had a good training at Neptune. He furnished the council will print out of data log material for each of their meters. The new meters can read 1/100th of a gallon of usage. These graphs can help with troubleshoot any meter problems. He is researching a new chlorine monitor system to replace the reagent system. Page contacted the University of Wyoming about the town's gas problem in our water. The Dean of Engineering is coming Thursday to look at our system. Timberline will come the 1st week in Dec. to move the SCADA to the sewer system. He found that previous programming of the SCADA included code line items that don't pertain to the town's system. MCI of Cheyenne will be replacing the pumps. Page showed two quotes he'd received on

hydrant meters. This brought up the water agreement the town has with WyDot about the metering of purchased water. Crane received a weekly use form for the 2 years the agreement has been active. She disputed the amount showing with State Engineers Office. She also received an email from Sam Finkel with the state that disagreed with the amount of water taken. It will work out that we will be paid for the usage more in line with the total agreement. The Council discussion turned to the need for a meter on our hydrant when we sell water. With the construction season over and not an urgent need for the meter at this time **Cm. Jones made a motion to purchase a meter when needed;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

HCJPB: Representative Campbell told the Council they had both operators quit at the landfill. They were able to get one of them to return but had an application out to replace for the 2nd position. Their meeting business included purchasing a tire for the front end loader, discussion on a vision and dental package and putting a furnace in the office trailer after it is moved. Mayor Irene and Cm. Hobbs had a teleconference with Craig McOmie about the purchase price of the town's garbage truck. Since the town's truck was purchased with Consensus Grant monies it can't be sold for the market value. The town's share of the purchase price was \$45K so that will be the amount the landfill will be able to purchase the garbage truck for. Campbell said the permitting was complete. Page asked if they had a timeline to turn the truck over to the landfill. He said it would probably be January or February.

Park Board: No report

Cemetery Board: No report

Museum Board: Museum Director Hobbs told the Council that the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in conjunction with the elementary school and the public library brought in around \$1,500 for the museum. Mayor Irene told Hobbs he thought he had the old Kleen Dairy bottle filler and asked if the museum would be interested in it. Hobbs thanked Page for moving the sheep wagon from the Bjork Building for the winter. The furnace is installed at the museum but still waiting for the propane company to hook it up to the tank.

CCVC: The town received their monthly meeting minutes and passed on to the Council.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene said the next meeting is Wednesday at 6:00PM at the Jeffrey Center. The meeting will include developing the meeting schedule for next year and a presentation from Kara Choquette on a wind taxation update.

LEPC: Bob Meyer has been attending the meeting for the town. They had a 2nd reading on their by-laws. They are forming sub committees to discuss the foundation of LEPC so they can build on the continued success of the program. They are planning a 5 day class to train for a Type 3 Management Team around Dec. 11th. They are also looking at grant money and wondering if the town saw any issues that grant money could help with.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Cm. Hobbs make a motion to approve the October 2019 Treasurers Reports;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. Crane told the Council there was an updated impact fund breakout in their packet.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from October 17th through November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$33,351.80;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs, Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: Albany County, RNB State Bank, Wyoming Retirement, LGLP

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Agreement No.18-08 HWY Update: Crane addressed this in the Public Works report.

Mayor Irene updated that he has contacted the Wyoming Utilities Commission on the natural gas project for some unanswered questions. He also is in contact with Barbara Bonds the Specific Purpose Bonding Representative and she is researching the Mayors questions too.

NEW BUSINESS:

LGLP Nominations: After a discussion on the candidates for the two open LGLP Board position it was decided to pass on voting.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CARBON, WYOMING, THE TOWN OF HANNA, WYOMING, THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING, THE TOWN OF MEDICINE BOW, WYOMING, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING AND THE TOWN OF ROCK RIVER, WYOMING FOR IMPACT ASSISTANCE FUNDS OF BOSWELL WIND PROJECT: Crane explained she had seen this amendment mentioned in a newspaper article but had not received it directly from Peg Trent, Albany County Attorney. The amendment addresses the adjustment or modification of the distribution of impact assistance funds as outlined in the Original MOU due to an updated design and layout plan for the Boswell Springs Wind Project. The Council decided to table this for the Mayor signature until we knew where the project was going.

RNB State Bank Application for Deposit of Public Funds: **Cm. Kennedy made a motion to approve the RNB State Bank as the Town's Depository;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs, Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

Cm. Jones: The Mayor said he had some inquires into Cm. Jones residence and wanted to clarify this. Cm Jones said he lives in Elk Mountain and his physical address is the BRC and he receives his mail here. He is working out of town and staying in a motel during the week and comes home on the weekends.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

CLERK

MAYOR