

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday April 14, 2025, COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

Roll Call: Present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Cm. Wade Nelson

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

Citizens and Guests: Brett Larson, Ken Casner, Brian Rushing, and Garrett Irene.

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

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of March 18, 2025. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

Reports:

Fire Department: Fire Captain Brian Rushing presented the fire department report to the council Brian spoke of the fire department's need for air tanks, new hose, and couplings. The fire department is in the process of acquiring bids for the equipment needed. The fire department is continuing with training. Brian let the council know that more members are needed.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. Morgan reported that the last SCWEMS covered the regular business financials and discussed the 2025-2026 budget. The board is looking for replacement board members for those members whose terms are ending in July 2025.

Public Works Department: Will Redmond, the Public Works Director, presented the public works report to the council. Will reported that the garbage truck, lagoon and water plant are all running well. The town of Wamsutter picked up the vac truck. Will has contractors coming to give quotes on the generator for the fire hall, the park sidewalk, and the doors for the museum building. Will requested to order three 24-inch meters for the water plant to help control the amount of chlorine gas goes into the water. The cost will be \$1,041.35/each. **Cm. Nelson made a motion to use TB Flats Impact funds to purchase a trench box at the cost of \$5,16371 and a heated pressure washer at the cost of \$4,499.99.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried. Will is planning to work on finding and fixing the water leak. He will also begin spreading larvicide around town for the purpose of mosquito control.

HCJPB: Mayor Irene presented the HCJPB report to the council. The HCJPB is working with the reclamation company to get the landfill area re-seeded.

Park Board: Chairman, Brett Larson, presented the park board report to the council. The park board re-elected officers at their last meeting. The board is making plans for the Labor Day festivities to be held September 6th. They are possibly planning a parade, BBQ cook off, horseshoe tournament. They are also partnering with the hotel to host the Garden Spot Music Festival. The board is waiting to hear from the CCSD#2 Rec Board regarding the grants they applied for.

Cemetery Board: Chairman, Brett Larson, presented the cemetery board report to the council. The board is planning a clean up day and starting plans to display flags for Memorial Day. Brett let the council know that the back fence needs work. Will also added that the entrance sign for the cemetery needs to be raised. The garbage truck will not fit under the sign after the entrance turnout has been paved.

Museum Board: Museum Director, Angie Hobbs, presented the museum board report to the council. Angie reported that the annual tea party was a success. Angie is working on the newest museum building to turn it into an exhibition hall. The Kentucky Derby is planned for Memorial Day which is May 26th this year. Angie has also applied for the WY250 grant to help with her project to help celebrate the Nation's 250th birthday.

CCVC: No report. However, the April meeting for the CCVC/Discover Carbon Conty is planned to be held April 16th at the Elk Mountain community center.

CCCOG: No Report.

CCEDC: No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the March 2025 Treasurer's Report. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve March 18, 2025, through April 14, 2025, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$40,754.90. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: No change from the month of March 2025.

Correspondence: Textmygov.com, Ken Casner letter, and various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business:

- **Natural Gas Update:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to proceed with the BLM paperwork for the natural gas project. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

- **First Reading Ordinance #25-01: ORDINANCE #25-01, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #25-01. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.
- **First Reading Ordinance #25-02: ORDINANCE #25-02, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN SEWER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #25-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN SEWER RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.
- **First Reading Ordinance #25-03: ORDINANCE #25-03, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SANITATION RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #25-03 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SANITATION RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.
- **1st Reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget.** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the first reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

New Business:

- **Park Maintenance Bids.**
- **Fire District Request of grant review.** Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve the review of the Mineral Royalty Grant the Carbon County Fire Prevention District would like to apply for. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

Adjournment: With no more business to come before the council. Cm. Neel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Clerk

Mayor