

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**Meeting called to order:** Mayor Morgan Irene called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Pledge Recited.

**Roll Call:** Present at Roll Call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joe Neel

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Cm. Wade Nelson was absent.

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

Guests Present: Pat Eastman, Evette Eastman, Marvin Roggow, Ken Casner, Brett Larson, Brian O'Connor, Garrett Irene, Brent Kelly, and Mike Schvaneveldt.

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

**Approve Minutes:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Reports:**

**Fire Department:** Garrett Irene, a member of the Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, presented the Fire Department report to the Council. Garret reported on the many responses to wrecks on the Interstate caused by the recent bad weather and a house fire in the town of Medicine Bow. The Fire Department also worked with Carbon County Road and Bridge to get to their stranded equipment North of Hanna. Garrett also reported that the Search and Rescue team helped stranded residents from Aspen Highlands, when they were stranded during one of the many snowstorms we had during the Winter. Two of the members of the Fire Department received commendations from the Wyoming Highway Patrol for their hard work, when they were called out during a blizzard. The number one engine's repairs are close to being finished. Garrett thanked the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel for their food and hospitality to the many stranded people during the bad weather this Winter. Garrett also thanked Will Redmond, the Public Works Director for keeping the doors to the fire hall clear all Winter. The fire department is still looking for members if anyone is interested.

**SCWEMS:** Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the Council. The last SCWEMS meeting was business as usual. Mayor Irene gave the council an update of the ambulance barn project in Hanna. It was also reported that Dr. Ables, who has sponsored the ambulance program for many years will be retiring.

**Public Works Department:** Will Redmond the Public Works Director reported to the council. Will reported that the garbage truck is still running well. Will has been picking the trash up early in the morning to avoid the slush. The winch for the lagoon is finished and will be installed this week. Will reported that the heating system at the water treatment plant has been rebuilt and is working good. A pump has been ordered to help flush the hydrants once the weather has warmed up. Will is attending the Spring Water Conference April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>. The water dikes are being moved to cold storage in preparation of any possible flooding. The Elk

Mountain flood plan contact list was updated and revised. Will also asked the council to consider purchasing a sandbag attachment for the skid steer in preparation of the possibility of any flooding.

**Cm. Mustard made a motion to purchase a sandbag attachment for the town's skid steer.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**HCJPB:** Mayor Irene presented the High-Country Joint Powers Board report. Mayor Irene reported that the last meeting was short. There were three bills to pay and the need for budget hearings was discussed.

**Park Board:** No report

**Cemetery Board:** Brett Larson the Cemetery Board chair shared with the council the Cemetery Boards plans to meet with Dave Hammond in May to discuss the possibility of mapping the cemetery and plotting more sections. Brett also shared that the map will also be digital and kept up to date at the town hall.

**Museum Board:** Angie Hobbs the Museum Director presented the museum board report to the council. Angie reported that she had attended the Carbon County School District #2 Recreation Board meeting on March 13, 2023 to present the Elk Mountain Museum 2023-2024 grant application. The museum is planning a Tea Party to be hosted at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. It was also reported that the lumber for the new museum building has arrived. The museum board has accepted a bid for the electrical work for the museum building. The Museum now has an Instagram account. You can now follow the Museum on Instagram @elkmountainmuseum

**CCVC:** No report.

**CCOG:** Mayor Irene presented the council with the CCOG report. The last meeting was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Gwen Bartlett presented the new voting laws to the members present at the CCOG meeting.

**LEPC:** Mayor Irene presented the LEPC report to the council.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the February 13, 2023, Treasurer's Report.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Bills to be Ratified and Paid:** **Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, through March 13, 2023, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$27,696.73.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

**Wind Impact Report:** The town or Elk Mountain received \$6,153.85 from Gateway South in February. To date we have received \$43,076.95 of the expected \$160,000.00 from the Gateway South Project.

**Correspondence:** Completed FAA aeronautical survey of the Rock River wind turbines website announcement and various emails and minutes that have been forwarded.

**Old Business:**

Natural Gas Update: No Report.

**New Business:**

Ken Casner addressed the Council with his concerns of code enforcement and drainage of the melting snow to his property. A copy of Ken's notes will be attached to the approved copy of the minutes.

**Approval of Rawlins National Bank Resolution of Lodge, Association of Other Similar Organization for The Town of Elk Mountain. Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the Rawlins National Bank Resolution of Lodge, Association of Other Similar Organization for the Town of Elk Mountain.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene, Cm. Nelson Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye motion carries.

Pat Eastman addressed the Council regarding his concerns of the recent vehicle pursuit through Elk Mountain and the need for an alert system.

Brent Kelly and Mike Schvaneveldt addressed with their wish to vacate the alley/street between their properties. It was agreed that more research was needed.

Carbon County 4H office has contacted the Town Hall, with their interest in hanging 4-H clover banners in the town of Elk Mountain, as well as the other town's located around Carbon County during fair week.

**Executive Session:** None Needed.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to be brought before the Council **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.** Cm Mustard seconded the motion; all in favor none oppose.

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Clerk

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Mayor