

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Dawn Kenneda

Cm. Robert Meyer

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Bill Sherwood, Ryan Lewis, Ken Casner, Joyce Menke, Jaret Habel

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

APPROVE MINUTES: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Ken Casner asked to address the Council. Mr. Casner stated he had addressed the Council at the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting. He wanted to tell the Council that the minutes from that meeting stated that his document for the Council was a handout and correspondence whereas he was presenting it as a legal document to be used in an executive session. He stated his document and request for the Council to go into executive session was for a matter concerning the resignation of Mayor Irene. No executive session was called at the 9th meeting and Mr. Casner wanted a motion for action taken or no action taken on the resignation. He also stated that the town's marquee as stated in state statute 15-1-111 (b) No appropriation may be for the express aid of any private citizen, firm or corporation and therefore can't be used for private use such as advertising a private business. The marquee now has a message about the new business in town. He expressed frustration that people from off the interstate were coming into their business asking where the convenience store is. He stated he has no problem with the new business but they need better signage. Casner gave Clerk Crane documents he read from to be placed in the town records. Mr. Casner told the Council that it is his right as a citizen to speak on these subjects and thanked them for their time. Cm. Kenneda asked Mr. Casner to clarify if he was asking for the Mayor's resignation because of her failure to take the oath of office. He told her she did everything correct. Mr. Casner then left the meeting. **Cm. Kenneda made a motion on no action taken on asking for a resignation from Mayor Irene;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries. Ryan Kenneda addressed the Council with a show of support for the Council and the Mayor. There was a brief discussion of these matters where Bill Sherwood said the marquee was given to the town by the Vol. Fire Dept. so wasn't an appropriation of the town but a gift when they no longer needed it. It was expressed that an executive session can't be called from the floor by an audience member it is called by the Mayor or Council. Cm. Jones addressed the signage problem with the convenience store and said their distributors were behind in getting their signs done and they were attempting to rectify the problem.

REPORTS: Fire Dept.: Chief Lewis told the Council the department responded to 7 calls last month; 5 vehicles, 1 EMS and 1 wild land fire. The Chief told the Council that it was rough month on the volunteers and the different agencies set up debriefing and counseling for their members. Beyond that it has been business as usual but the department is in need of volunteers. Lewis said they can use people in many different capacity if there are things they find uncomfortable or unable to do they don't have to. The Mayor said the town would add the request for volunteers to the kiosk. Cm. Meyer has been working on the siren and charging the batteries they just need reinstalled. Bill Sherwood told the Council that after the hail storm

the fire hall roof had 13 leaks. Thanks to Joe Grillo leaving Bill with 2 cases of caulk he was able to fix the leaks. They need to replace 2 of the roof vent covers.

The Mayor asked Cm. Meyer about an accident scene he had come up on Sunday in the forest. Meyer said it was training and Ryan Kenneda could explain as it was his scenario. Mr. Kenneda told the Council that 3 years ago he was chosen as the predator attack team leader for the Southeast Section of Wyoming. The agencies that would be involved in any kind of predator attack needed a realistic and relevant training. So he put together a scenario of a bear attack on a family of campers. The call came in to dispatch and was dispatched to the different agencies with a disclaimer that “this is a training”. This incorporated seven different agencies. Some on scene were Classic Air Ambulance, SCWEMS, Coroner, Game and Fish, Search and Rescue and the Media. The training had positive feedback with a bottleneck of communication being a problem they need to work on.

SCWEMS: Next meeting is August 21st at the Hanna Station at 6:00PM. They have interviewed for the Ambulance Director and the Bookkeeping position.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman said one of the tubes to the peristaltic pump broke causing a chlorine leak that was contained in the containment units. But the leak had caused the free chlorine to be down to zero. Mayor Irene told the Council that John Page now has his water certification and in September he will be taking over the backup water position. A new DEQ regulation does not allow a “paper operator” for water systems which is what our current backup position is. He has contacted Karen Heath and thanked her for her service to the town.

Zoning: Eastman told the Council he plans to attend the FEMA Flood Plan Mapping in Saratoga August 27th at the PVCC. The Mayor also plans to attend this meeting.

Public Works: Mayor Irene told the Council Director Neuman is moving into the new building. One of the mosquito foggers needs repaired. Crane said the telephone and DSL will be installed this week to the building.

HCJPB: Mayor Irene appointed Ken and Pam Campbell as the HCJP representatives for the town. The Board will be looking for a new landfill operator.

Park Board: The Board didn't have a meeting this month. They intend to seed areas in the park this fall. It was mentioned that there were sprinklers around the volleyball pit that could be connected to help with the seeding. Paul Clark would probably know where the lines are. The Annual Ice Cream Social had a good turnout.

Cemetery Board: There was no report

Museum Board: Cm. Kenneda said the museum had 25 guests this month with 2 guests from Scotland. She said the Director has been working on displays.

CCVC: Clerk Crane said the Visitors Council has taken over distribution of the lodging tax.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene attended the meeting in Riverside. The discussion was the 5th Penny Tax. They stressed the importance of this tax passing for the operations of the municipalities. Mayor Irene took the open secretary position for CCOG.

LEPC: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve the July Treasurer Report as presented; Cm Jones seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from July 10, 2018 to August 13, 2018 in the amount of \$37,139.17; Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ken Casner, WDEQ, various emails and minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center/Phase 2 Update: Mayor Irene had renderings of the exterior of the proposal community center. The turn key price is \$663K. This structure would house the town hall, gathering space, bathrooms, warming kitchen and storage.

Boswell Springs Wind Project: The possibility of the first impact tax payment is scheduled for next month.

TB Flats Wind Project: No Update

Ekola Flats and Gateway West Impact: Cm. Hobbs will be attending the Gateway meeting on the 16th of August to present the town request for impact funds. She will also be attending the Prehearing of the Ekola Flats Wind Project on 28th of August. Cm. Kenneda will be attending the Ekola Flats hearing September 6 & 7th.

CC Library: Joyce Menke brought to the Councils attention a situation with the Elk Mountain Library's in house fund account with the main library. This is an item that goes back quite awhile and involves missing funds. She wanted to know what the town wanted done if anything about it. After discussion the Council thought that this had nothing to do with the town nor did it concern town funds. It is an internal matter that should be handled with the Library Board to direct the Director to straighten out the accounting error. If Mrs. Menke wanted to address the discrepancy and bring it to their attention she should do so as a private citizen.

NEW BUSINESS:

6th Penny Project: CCCOG had a special meeting August 15th to discuss the 6th Penny Project. The current 6th Penny Tax will be off the books the 1st of the year and will have to go before the voters again. It pays for large infrastructure projects that cities and towns cannot afford in their budgets. Barbara Bonds the bonding agent for George K. Baum and Company explained the procedure for bonding the projects the 6th penny will pay for. The Town of Elk Mountain passed a resolution that the next 6th penny funds would be used to bring natural gas into town. The Mayor is in contact with a company that installs the infrastructure to get a real world cost for bringing gas in and to each residence. The resident isn't obligated to connect to the service but the infrastructure will be in place if they so desire. The billing and maintenance of the service will be contracted through a gas company. The second part of the request is to pave or chip seal the town streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Kenneda motioned to adjourn at 8:01 PM;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

CLERK

MAYOR