

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:30 PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

Council Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM, By Mayor Morgan Irene. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present at Roll Call:

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

Guests in Attendance: Tom and Danette Toth, Kathy Hahn, Brett Larson, Carbon County School District #2 Superintendent Darrin Jennings. Chairman of Carbon County School District #2 School Board Kassey Westring, Vice Chairman of Carbon County School District #2 School Board Joe Gaspari, Courtney Priest, Evette Eastman, Sally O'Connor, Jessica Mustard, Ken Casner, and Matt Copeland from Big Foot Radio.

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

Approval of Minutes: Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of June 11, 2026. Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Darrin Jennings Carbon County School District #2 Superintendent shared the possible future of a day school opening in the Elk Mountain Elementary building. Superintendent Jennings assured those present that the School District and Town of Elk Mountain would continue to share the Elk Mountain Elementary building.

Reports:

Fire Department: Mayor Irene presented the fire department report to the council. The fire department has a new member. Morgan shared the fire department's treasurer's report. The \$4,000 grant the department received will be spent on PPE. The department received a quote for rescue training and Chief O'Connor will present the quote to the county.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. SCWEMS has hired a new director. SCWEMS is working with Platte Valley Medical Center to apply for a rural grant. SCWEMS is also working with the Carbon County Economics Development to develop a business plan to apply for the Hanna ambulance barn.

Public Works: The Public Works Director, Will Redmond, presented the public works report to the council. The water treatment plant and the lagoon are both running well. Will asked the council what to do with the old message board. It was decided that Clerk Hess would reach out to the WAMCAT (Wyoming Association of

Municipalities Clerks and Treasurers) to see if another municipality would like the sign. The town had their Sanitary Survey with the EPA on Monday, and it went very well. Will has a meeting this week with the landowners to discuss the route for the Natural Gas pipeline. Will has been trying to get a hold of the BLM regarding the paleontology survey needed for the natural gas application to proceed. **Cm. Neel made a motion to spend \$203,039.00 on the purchase of new trash body for the garbage truck. The \$132,459.08 in the garbage truck replacement fund would be used. The remaining balance of \$70,579.92 would come out of the Sanitation Fund.** Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried. Will would like to start a conserve water campaign. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to have Northfork Engineering help the Town of Elk Mountain apply for the SRF loan for Elk Mountain's 2027 water plant expansion project.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane aye motion carried.

HCJPB: No report.

Park Board: Board Chairman, Brett Larson, presented the park board report to the council. The Labor Day event is in its planning stage. The park board application for CCSD#2 Recreation Grant was approved, and those funds will be used for the Labor Day event and the Garden Spot Music Festival Event. Brett asked the council for \$333.00 from the town event line item 410.112 for the meat and cake for the Labor Day picnic. The Carbon County Extension Agent contacted Brett and is ready to move forward with the park sign project she has received a grant for. Brett presented the town park slide replacement quote. It was decided that Will would look elsewhere for another slide replacement. The July 8, Ice Cream Social and Nationwide reading of the Declaration of Independence went well. The movement of the park flagpole was discussed.

Cemetery Board: No report.

Museum Board: No report.

Discover Carbon County: Courtney Priest, the Elk Mountain Representative for Discover Carbon County, present the Discover Carbon County report to the council. DCC is waiting to receive the official program guidelines and application materials from the Wyoming Office of Tourism to proceed with the wayfinding project the Museum Board has applied for. DCC has finalized their 2026-2027 budget. The Rawlins DCC office is moving. The building the Riverside DCC office is in has been sold. DCC is waiting to hear from the new owner to see if they can continue working out of that office.

CCCOG: No report.

CCEDC: No report.

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

Bills to be Ratified and Paid: **Cm. Crane made a motion to approve June 12, 2026, through July 13, 2026, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$30,266.16.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.

Wind Impact Report: No update.

Correspondence: Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.** Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027.** Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.
- **APPROVING RESOLUTION 26-07-13A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE #25-04 FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 26-07-13A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET ORDINANCE #25-04 FOR THE TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.** Cm. Crane seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.
- **Bowen Alley Vacation Petition.** Petition was approved.
- **APPROVING RESOLUTION 26-07-13B RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOT 1, BLOCK 3 OF THE BASIN ADDITION AND LOTS 2, 3, 4, AND A PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 8 OF THE BASIN ADDITION ELK MOUNTAIN, WYOMING.** Resolution was tabled until a public hearing could be held during the next council meeting.
- **Lot Consolidation for 205 Veterans Street and 208 Elm Street.** Will proceed once we receive a survey of the combined lots.
- **Utility Bill Partial Forgiveness Due to Water Leak.** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve the **partial leak forgiveness for Debbie McCartney in the amount of \$64.00.** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Absent, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Crane Aye motion carried.
- **Date of August Council Meeting.** Clerk Hess requested a vacation from August 8 to August 10th and asked that the August council meeting be moved to Tuesday, August 11th. It was decided that the council members would check their calendars and get back to Clerk Hess regarding the movement of the meeting to August 11 from August 10th.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the council. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:00 PM.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

Mayor

Clerk