

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
UTILITY INCREASE HEARING  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 6:30 PM COMMUNITY CENTER**

**I. Utility Hearing was called to order by Mayor Morgan Irene. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**II. Those present at roll call:** Cm. Angie Hobbs  
Cm. Joe Neel  
Mayor Morgan Irene  
Cm. Wade Nelson

**III. Approval of Agenda: Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve the Utility Hearing agenda as read.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

**IV. Utility Increase Discussion:** Mayor Irene opened the discussion to questions from the council and guests present. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to increase the water price per thousand gallons for water one dollar. One thousand gallons of up to twenty thousand gallons will be \$3.00 per thousand gallons. Twenty thousand and one gallon up to Fifty thousand gallons will be \$4.00 per thousand gallons and fifty thousand and one gallon will be \$5.00 per thousand gallons. The sewer rate will increase from \$14.00 per month to \$15.00 per month and the garbage rates will be \$31.00 per month for residents inside town and those residents who live outside of town.** Cm. Neel seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

**V. Adjourn Hearing:** With no further business to be brought before the council. **Cm. Neel made a motion to adjourn the utility increase hearing.** Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025, COMMUNITY CENTER**

**The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Morgan Irene at 7:05 PM.**

**Roll Call:** Present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs  
Cm. Joe Neel  
Mayor Morgan Irene  
Cm. Wade Nelson

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

**Citizens and Guests:** Brett Larson, Steve Priest, Courtney Priest, Ken Casner, Jon Nelson, Robert Meyer, and Evette Eastman.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the regular council meeting minutes of February 10, 2025. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

## **Reports:**

**Fire Department:** Robert Meyer, a member of the fire department, presented the fire department report to the council. Robert reported the number of call outs for the month of February. The fire department held elections, and the new officers are Fire Chief Brian O'Connor, Assistant Fire Chief John Williams, Captains are Robert Meyer and Brian Rushing. The new Treasurer is Brett Webb. The training officers are Brian Rushing and John Williams.

**SCWEMS:** Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report to the council. Morgan reported that the Hanna, Encampment, Saratoga, and Elk Mountain board position terms are up in July. SCWEMS has hired a new billing company. The Hanna station is waiting for zoning changes. SCWEMS is working on more grant applications. SCWEMS is also working with the hospital on the transport haul payment question.

**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 treatment plant are all running well. Will has finished his portion and sent the water quality Consumer Confidence Report to Energy Labs to finalize. The west water tank has been cleaned and inspected. The east tank will be done in the next few weeks. The paperwork has been sent to the town of Wamsutter for the old vac truck and they are planning to come pick the vac truck up soon.

**HCJPB:** Mayor Irene presented the HCJPB report to the council. The mayor reported that the town of Hanna requested to use some of the landfill space. The HCJPB is making plans to reseed the landfill area.

**Park Board:** No Report

**Cemetery Board:** No Report

**Museum Board:** Angie Hobbs presented the museum board report to the council. Angie reported that the annual tea party is coming up on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The WY250 committee for Carbon County is made up of the museum directors and is currently making plans for the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> year celebration. The committee is planning to put together a film and party for the Carbon County celebration. Angie is planning to do an oral history project with many of our older citizens and families that have been in the area for years.

**CCVC:** Courtney Priest, the Elk Mountain representative for Discover Carbon County, formerly known as the Carbon County Visitors Council, presented the CCVC report to the council. Courtney reported that the museum's sign grant for the Elk Mountain Community Church sign and the town of Elk Mountain's digital sign grant has been approved. The Discover Carbon County focus group to help promote more tourism to the town of Elk Mountain is working to get more fishing access to the river in town, more signage, and star gazing through the Dark Sky Initiative. The council is looking to fill the "At Large" board member vacancy. Courtney will be attending the International Roundup in Rapid City to help promote international tourism to Carbon and Elk Mountain.

**CCCOG:** CCCOG meeting this week. No Report.

**CCEDC:** No Report

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

**Bills to be Ratified and Paid:** Cm. Neel made a motion to approve February 11, 2025, through March 18, 2025, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$25,078.90. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Absent, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carried.

**Wind Impact Report:** Report Included in the packet.

**Correspondence:** Ken Casner budget rebuttal letter, and various emails and minutes that have been forwarded to the council.

**Old Business:**

- **Water Project Update:** Jon Nelson updated the council on the status of the proposed water project.
- **Natural Gas Update:** Mayor Irene updated the council on the status of the natural gas project.

**New Business:**

- **Budget Workshop:** The mayor, council, public works director and Clerk/Treasurer met to discuss the 25-26 budget.

**Executive Session:**

**Enter Executive Session:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to enter into Executive Session for reasons of personnel issues, matters concerning litigation or proposed litigation to which we are or may be party, or information classified as confidential by law at 8:59 PM. Cm. Neel seconded the motion.

**Exit Executive Session:** Cm. Neel made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:10 PM. Cm. Nelson seconded the motion.

**Approval of minutes:** Cm. Nelson made a motion to approve and seal minutes of Executive Session. Cm. Neel seconded the motion. No Action Taken.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Council Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 PM; Cm. Neel seconded the motion; all in favor none opposed.

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Clerk

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Mayor