

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021, IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs
Cm. Tammy Page
Cm. Craig Mustard
Absent Cm. Kennedy

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, John Page, Water Superintendent and Public Works

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Jon Nelson, Northfork Engineering, Bob Meyer, Fire Department

APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Page motioned to approve the agenda;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES: **Cm. Page made a motion to approve the July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Jon Nelson, North Fork Engineering told the Council that Phase 2 of the Street Project will start tomorrow on Main Street. They have adjusted the project limits for paving. STC didn't submit a payout for work done. He would like to wait until the project is complete. Nelson spoke with STC about the town procuring the risers for the valve and water boxes. There will be a substantial savings with the town purchasing the risers. The County has declined piggy backing with the town on paving Bar Hill to tie into the East Main Street portion of the project. So, the town will proceed as planned. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to sign a change order to add the basketball court to the project;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: Assistant Chief Meyer told the Council the air packs have arrived. The skid unit will arrive Wednesday and needed help unloading it. The Department had 9 calls-Truck fires, Fuel Spill, Rollover, Wildland fires and First Responders. The Department has a new member. Engine 1 needs a radio waiting for Apex Communication. The ISO did their 5-year inspection to rate the Department for insurance. The higher the rating the lower your insurance rates. They need to establish a hydrant flushing schedule. The Council discussed replacing the 22 hydrants using impact funds. They will explore the cost. The Mayor said they took the board to repair for the siren and he is waiting to hear from Lenny Layman. John Page asked Bob about the signage/markings for the new fire truck needs to comply. Bob said they will have them soon.

SCWEMS: SCWEMS has hired a new parttime Director.

Public Works: Director Page reported on Public Works:

- Covid testing shows there are new cases in the town
- Water plant doing well. Will be ordering more chlorine in September
- Sewer plant continues to do well.
- Paving has commenced. Urge citizens to have patience in concerns to the shoulders not finished yet we still have lots to do.
- Trash truck had a cylinder go bad. Got it rebuilt and reinstalled today.

- Mosquito fogging has been completed for the year
- The paperwork for the land swap at the park was sent to the town Attorney for processing
- Had a citizen complaint to the Department of Ag from Mr. Casner in reference to mosquito fogging behind his residence/business. His complaint was vague to the inspector but included us going behind his business, the fogging itself, the passengers in the truck and other unrelated items. The Inspector concluded the complaint was unfounded and that the methodology of the town was sound after checking all our equipment, records, and logs. She complimented the town on our record keeping and diligence with our new program.
- FEMA will be doing an emergency broadcast Wednesday at 1420 ET. It will be on Radio, Television, and mobile phones nationwide.

Page is working on the cart for the speed sign. He is looking into a possible installation on a pole for the second unit.

HCJPB: The Board got their titles for the equipment they are disposing of.

Park Board: They got the fenced in area planted.

Cemetery Board: No Report

Museum Board: Director Hobbs said she received donations from the Mark Jackson Family. They brought recording of Mark's band that Bob Meyer is going to help digitize so she can play them at the museum. CP&L came out to look at the power situation and said they can move the meter to an existing pole which would classify it as an updated service for \$50. The building is expected on the 12th. There was discussion of the Labor Day Picnic. The town will purchase the meat and the picnic will be a carry-in with horseshoes and kids' games.

CCVC: Director Jefferson sent a letter that our representatives' term was up and asked that the Mayor appoint Julie Webb for another term or find a new rep. Minutes were sent to the Council.

CCCOG: The next Meeting is August 18th. At the last meeting the discussion surrounded the formation of a Fire District.

LEPC: There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 11th.

Treasurer Report: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the July Treasurers Report as presented; Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. Crane told the Council she had gone thru the treasures report for the FY year and made corrections to the June 30th to the different fund balances. With that done she can now write the new budget ordinance. She told them she had moved the Specific Purpose Tax and the Street Repair Project revenue and expenditure to the fund portion of the treasures report so the Council can see the breakdown of what we have received and expensed.

Bills to Ratify and Paid: Cm. Page made a motion to pay the bills from July 13, 2021, thru August 9, 2021, in the amount of \$37,079.65; Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WIND IMPACT REPORT: The Impact report was included in the packet along with department breakdowns.

CORRESPONDENCE: USA Today contacted the Mayor asking why the town made the decision to decline the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) distribution of "non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs). Invenergy sent a packet to notify of the Rock Creek Wind Energy Project they are currently developing, and that Elk Mountain has been identified as part of the study area for the Wyoming

Industrial Siting Division permit process. HUB Insurance, CCVC, Euclid Insurance, CCP&DD and Various Board Minutes and emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Habel Land Exchange-TABLED: Item was left on the Table.

Council was told the quick claim information has been sent to the attorney.

Natural Gas Update-The Mayor has been exploring the possibility of connected to Black Hills Gas and still working thru the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Zone Change from RAM to Residential-Steven and Courtney Priest:

The town received notice from CCP&DD of a land use proposal submitted to the county. A request from Steven and Courtney Priest for a zone change from RAM to Residential on approximately 3.5 acres. Public hearing will be Monday, September 13th 10:00AM at the courthouse in Rawlins. The Council discussed the infrastructure to the property and found no reason to make comment on the case.

Carbon County Visitors Council Appointment: Mayor Irene asked the Council to approve his appointment of Julie Webb as the town's representative to the CCVC. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve Julie Webb as the town's CCVC representative;** Cm. Pages seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm Page motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

CLERK

MAYOR