

**TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**Meeting called to order:** Mayor Morgan Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge Recited.

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

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Mayor Morgan Irene

Cm. Craig Mustard

Cm. Wade Nelson

Cm. Joe Neel was absent.

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

Guests Present: Bob Johnson, Brett Larson, Brian O'Connor, Steve Bonner, Pat Eastman, Evette Eastman, Jon Nelson, Ken Casner, and Tom Toth.

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

**Approve Minutes:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023. Cm. Mustard seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carries.

**Citizens and Guests Participation:** Bob Johnson addressed the council regarding the log trucks speeding through town and the danger they present to the children in the town. Bob also brought up the need for crosswalks across the state highway. Ken Casner added his concern of traffic speeding through town.

**Reports:**

**Fire Department:** Brian O'Connor, the Fire Chief, presented the Fire Department report to the council. Brian reported that the fire department is looking for more volunteers. Working on getting the trucks recommissioned and serviced. Brian asked for a clarification regarding the town fire trucks being able to fuel up using the town's fuel tanks. The Fire Department can fuel up the fire trucks using the Town of Elk Mountain fuel pumps.

**SCWEMS:** Mayor Irene presented the SCWEMS report. The mayor reported that the last meeting was business as usual. SCWEMS continues to struggle with broke down ambulances. SCWEMS did receive funding towards ambulances and the ambulance barns. Also getting close to doing the electrical work on the ambulance barn in Saratoga.

**Public Works Department:** Will Redmond, the Public Works Director presented the public works department report to the council. Will reported that the garbage truck had broken down after the last report, but it is up and running again. The water plant had an actuator go out. There have been issues calibrating the replacement actuator, so a repairman has been contacted to help with the issue. There has been an issue with the scada and Timberline has been contacted to help fix the issue. The heating system in the water plant has been giving Will problems. Absolute Heat has been contacted to help with the heating issue. Will is planning to attend the mosquito conference on Zoom. Will reported that the water conference is coming up in March. Will passed his Sewer Lagoon test in January. Will also thanked everyone who helped during the last big storm. Will has also been working on getting a quote for the new museum building walls.

**HCJPB:** No Report

**Park Board:** No Report

**Cemetery Board:** Brett Larson, the Cemetery Board chair, presented the cemetery board report to the council. Brett shared with the council that the next cemetery board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM. Dave Hammond will attend the meeting to present his plan on how he will re-map the cemetery, plot the existing plots, plot the vacant area, and prepare a spreadsheet listing who is located in what plots. Dave will also re-stake the cemetery.

**Museum Board:** Cm. Angie Hobbs, who is the Elk Mountain Museum Director, presented the museum board report to the council. The Museum Board held a meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The veteran's memorial came up in discussion at the meeting. The board would like to form a committee for the veteran's memorial and Angie also asked the council if we could use the property behind the museum for the memorial. Angie asked the council if the safety fence needed near the river could still be paid for by the town. The museum is in need of bulbs in the fluorescent lighting for the main building. The idea to replace those with LED lighting was discussed.

**CCVC:** No Report

**CCOG:** The next meeting will be held Wednesday at 6:30 at the C4 Emergency Planning Center.

**LEPC:** Mayor Irene presented the LEPC report to the council. There was a guest speaker from Cheyenne talking about the Joint Management Center. This came after the first hour of discussing what Carbon County is up against for emergency management. At the LEPC meeting Morgan had mentioned the motorists on county road 402 because of Google Maps and search and rescue for the residents of Aspen Highlands.

**CCEDC:** Mayor Irene visited with Yvonne from CCEDC about the Wyoming Backroads Discovery Route. Both Yvonne and Morgan agree that the Carbon County Visitors Council should help advertise the local businesses for this event during the Summer of 2023.

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

**Bills to be Ratified and Paid:** Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023, through February 13, 2023, Bills to be Ratified and Paid in the amount of \$25,011.84. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carries.

**Wind Impact Report:** The town of Elk Mountain received \$6,153.85 from Gateway South in January. To date we have received \$36,923.10 of the expected \$160,000.00 from the Gateway South project.

**Correspondence:** FAA aeronautical study of Rock River wind turbines, Wyoming Department of Revenue, and Various emails and minutes that have been forwarded.

**Old Business:**

**Roggow Alley Question Update:** Per Dave Hammond the area in question was not an alley and the town has never owned the property in question. Dave Hammond and WLC is working on making the corrections.

Natural Gas Update: No report.

**New Business:**

Steve Bonner addressed the council. Steve began with thanking the town on the way they handled the snow removal from the recent storms. After the recent snow storms the fire hydrants had been covered by the snow. Steve suggested that it would be a good idea for the town to get fire hydrant extensions. Steve also mentioned that the town, fire department and the homeowners get together to clear the weeds around the fire hydrants to help alleviate the snow drifts around the hydrants.

Vactor Truck and WARSW Fire Truck bids: We only received one bid for the 1975 WARSW Fire Truck. The bid was opened at the council meeting. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to reject the bid.** Cm. Nelson seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carries, and the bid was rejected.

RNB – Museum Checking Account. Remove Linda Crane and Cm. Bryson Kennedy from the account and add Cm Wade Nelson and Heidi Hess to the account. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to remove Linda Crane and Cm. Kennedy and add Cm. Wade Nelson and Heidi Hess, the new town Clerk/Treasurer to the Rawlins National Bank Town of Elk Mountain Museum checking account.** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. Council Poll: Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Absent, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, Cm. Nelson Aye motion carries.

**Executive Session:** None needed.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Council **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM;** Cm. Nelson seconded the motion; all in favor none oppose.