

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:35P.M. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:
Cm. Joseph Grillo
Cm. Angie Hobbs
Absent; Cm. John Page and Cm. Robert Meyer
Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent
- CITIZENS/VISITORS: Al Santilli, Steve Bonner, Linda Edmonds, Marvin Roggow, Ross Jorgensen, WARWS, Jim Van Dorn, WARWS
- APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Grillo made a motion to approve the agenda;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.
- APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the August 10, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. There was not a quorum for the approval of Special Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2015 and the July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minute. They will be approved at the next council meeting.
- CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Linda Edmonds ask the Council if there was ever any consideration to have a junior member of the Council. Mayor Irene recalled being at a meeting recently where that subject was brought up. The thought is to engage younger people in the proceeding of government. Some of the town boards have junior members now and they allow them to vote on matters that come before the boards. It was mentioned that since the town council is made up of elected official they wouldn't have a vote. The Mayor said it could be looked into further.
- REPORTS: Reports were given by Fire Dept., SCWEMS, Water Dept., Zoning, Public Works Dept., HCJPB, Park Board, Cemetery Board, Museum Board, Juvenile Services, CCEDB, CCVC, CCCOG, LEPC
- Fire Dept.: No report
- SCWEMS: They have received our resolution for the blanket grant applications. The Mayor also informed the Council that Hanna is refusing to sign the Service Agreement and the Board is getting frustrated with the cost of attorneys fees expended to rectify this MOU using tax payer's dollars. The Board is calling a special meeting specific to the discussion of the MOU at the fire hall in Elk Mountain on September 22, 2015. The JPB entities and the media will be invited. At this time SCWEMS and the Town of Hanna are using the old agreement.
- Water Department: Water Superintendent Eastman introduced Ross Jorgensen and Jim Van Dorn with the Wyoming Association of Rural Water System (WARWS). They informed the Council that the towns water meet or exceeds regulatory requirements and there is nothing wrong with the towns water from a health or safety standard. WARWS received a call from DEQ and EPA stating they received a complaint from Ken Casner about the town's water. When ask by the Mayor if this was the only complaint the agencies received they reply with a yes. Mr. Jorgensen told the Council he had gone back through 12 years of records and found no problems with the water system. There were no violations or deviations from the normal standards and the test results are well below all the limits set by DEQ or EPA. They told the Council that they had researched the information Mr. Casner had supplied the Council at an earlier meeting and of the suggestions Mr. Casner proposed the green sand could be an option. But in order to consider this, there would need to be a pilot study done to determine feasibility. The cost of the installed system could be an estimated \$200,000.00 for Pilot Study, Engineering and Green Sand System. This does not take into account the annual O&M cost associated with the use of the system and the construction of a building addition to house it. This would only be an aesthetic fix and not anything associated with a health concern for the town's water as the EPA and DEQ do not consider nor regulate Hydrogen Sulfide as a contaminant. This would limit any state or federal funding so the town would have to bear the entire cost of the study, possible construction and installation and continued O&M. The installation of a system like this would have to increase the tap cost to residents. When ask by Council if this is

something they would recommend they said they would never suggest spending the money. The Hydrogen Sulfide and high temperature are just natural occurrence associated with the town water and are not classified in the quality of the water. The use of chlorine in the system is to try and hold down the Hydrogen Sulfide and keep chlorine residual in the distribution system. Without the chlorine the Hydrogen Sulfide would be considerably worse. Linda Edmonds ask if they had any recommendations for the end user. They suggested an Ion exchange system which is basically a softener or a point of use Reverse Osmosis System which strips everything from the water. They stated that WARWS works for the towns that are members. They help with any reported violations to get to the bottom of the complaints. They also do rate and sustainability studies for towns at no cost and give input as to how much municipalities should charge to have the proper amount in reserves for repair or replacement. Mayor Irene said that as public officials there are things that you endure and the Council does respect freedom of speech but employees shouldn't have to take any type of mistreatment from the public. Mr. Van Dorn said that Homeland Security says it is a federal offense to mess with a municipal water system. He is documenting that fact to DEQ and EPA that unsubstantiated complaint about stuff that doesn't exist is a threat and should be taken seriously. Cm. Grillo asked if WARWS could provide 3rd party documentation to corroborate their finding so they could be shared with concerned residents. Van Dorn and Jorgensen said they have documented their initial findings on their first visit and the discussion at this meeting.

Superintendent Eastman told the Council he was in contact with Timberline discussing the repairs to the SCADA system. They have quoted him a price of \$6,000.00 to go through the system. He also spoke with John Larsen about the wiring and installation of a back up liquid Chlorine system and has been pricing a package through US Blue Book. There was a discussion on a telephone alarm at the sewer but there needs to be some repair to the telephone line that is installed at the lift station. There is also a need to develop a set of plans for the EPA depicting the water lines in town and for the fire department showing the hydrant and valve locations. He would like EA (PMPC) to print copies of these. The production cost would be around \$400.00. He ask for approval of these items and the discussion concluded that this is Specific Purpose Tax expense so there isn't a need to motion the expenditure. The Mayor told Eastman the backup system needed to be permitted before installation. He is continuing to use the tab system as the backup until the installation is complete.

Cm. Meyer and Public Works Director Neuman joined the meeting and then were called out again on a fire call.

Zoning: Pat Eastman told the Council he had issued 3 building permits; Kevin Bell, Jason Habel and Bryson Kennedy and they were close to completion.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rory Neuman had to leave the meeting because of a fire call so there was no report.

HCJPB: Representative Grillo told the Council that the HCJPB is still looking to replace the dump truck. The Board approved bills in the amount of \$10,578.34 and held out a check to Perkins Oil Company until they can get an exact amount owed on the outstanding invoice. WWC Engineering gave a presentation to the Board and Sunrise Engineering is scheduled to meet with them to give some background on their company as they interview potential engineering firms. Demo of the Hanna Elementary School has provided some gravel material to surface a temporary road at the landfill. HCJPB still has not been reimbursed for the well work they had to do.

Park Board: Linda Edmonds said she didn't attend the last meeting so didn't have any current information but the flyers had gone out for the Labor Day picnic.

Cemetery Board: No report. Rory checked the sign over the road and said he would probably need help taking it down before the bridge trusses were moved.

Museum Board: No Report

Juvenile Services: No Report

CCEDB: Mayor Irene attended the meeting that was held in the Elk Mountain Town Hall Complex. The county rented the vacant acreage at Skyline east of town for portable man camps. They decide to give the rent revenue to the EDC to use for economic development.

CCVC: Board Member Crane gave the Council the 2014 Annual Report brochure. She told them that the council office has moved to 214 4th St and that new signage is being made for the building. The council has changed the annual grant session to Sept., Jan., and May. The Riverside Visitor's Center has been for sale and one of the council members is in the process of purchasing it. They will then rent it back to the council so they don't have to find a new place for the center. There is a film crew in the county

producing 5-2 minute videos to use on the website. The 2014 Travel Impact Report showed that travelers spent \$3.4 Billion in Wyoming and Carbon County saw \$166.5 Million of that. Although Elk Mountain doesn't see a large amount returned to the town from the lodging tax we do benefit from the sales and use tax visitors spend while being in Carbon County. Visitors are responsible for 10% of local sale tax revenue.

CCCOG: No Report

Senior Services Board: No Report

LEPC: Cm. Grillo reported to the council that the August meeting was cancelled.

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the July Treasure's Report;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. Clerk Crane told the Council that Megan Davies has been hired as part time relief office help. Stacey Strick had requested we look for someone to replace her because of scheduling conflicts.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and approving bills to be paid in the amount of \$19,536.40. **Cm. Hobbs motioned to ratify and pay the bills from July 14th thru August 24th in the amount of \$19,536.40;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Arch Coal, Aron and Hennig, Carbon County Clerk, Pat Eastman, Wyoming Rural Development Council, SLIB, Jason Bogstie, Murray Schroder-WWC, MTP&PCO, WAM, John Zieger-Emergency Management, WyDot, HUB, Various Board Minutes

OLD BUSINESS: Community Center/Phase 1 Update: Clerk Crane spoke with Reed Brannon for an update on the library building. He reported that Potter is close to completing the elevations and floor plans and has a projected cost estimate of \$200,000.00 for the renovation. He should have a report ready for the Council at the Sept. meeting.

SCWEMS MOU with Hanna: Mayor Irene covered this item in the report section.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business on the agenda. Mayor Irene ask the audience if they had anything they would like to address. Linda Edmonds commented on the siren on Fir St. She would like to know the protocols for using the siren. There was discussion on the siren being installed by Homeland Security and the thought was it had different sounds for various situations i.e. fires, floods, tornados/etc. The thought was that it has had a malfunction and that it has possibly been fixed so that could be why it was being tested. Mayor Irene said that since Bill Sherwood was Chief at the time of installation he would talk with him on if there were any protocols and if so how they are followed for the use of the siren.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor