

TOWN OF ELK MOUNTAIN VARIANCE HEARING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 6:15PM TOWN HALL COMPLEX

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the hearing to order at 6:20PM, Recited Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Council had some questions of the request for rezoning and Dr. Hills was present to answer them. Clerk Crane said no one had sent any written comment.

ZONING VARIANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO PROFESSIONAL/RESIDENTIAL, 305 MAIN STREET: Cm. Grillo made a motion to approve the zoning change from residential to professional/residential, Cm Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Bradford Absent, Cm. Grillo Aye , Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT: Cm. Grillo made a motion to adjournment the hearing at 6:25PM; Cm. Jones seconded the motion; motion carries.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION: **Cm. Grillo motioned to accept the resignation of Cm. Bradford with regret;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Joseph Grillo

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Robert Meyer

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Joyce Menke, Kellsie Domnitz, Dr. Liz Hills, Dawn Kenneda, Ken Casner, Craig Jones

APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Grillo motioned to approve the agenda as amended;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the September 11, 2017 meeting minute. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: No citizens addressed the Council

REPORTS: Fire Dept.: The department had 10 calls last month varying from grass fires, rollovers and fuel spills. They have had their third drawing for the gun raffle fundraiser. The Department had a mock drill simulating a car crash. Williams Pipeline gave the Department a grant to purchase a gas monitor that will be placed on the town fire truck. And a C-container to use for live fire training.

SCWEMS: Mayor Irene attended the SCWEMS meeting in Saratoga last month. Chairman Steward gave the Board the assessment results to review. There will be a work

shop October 17th at the Elk Mountain Fire Station to review the assessment and the Boswell Springs plan for impact funding. The regular meeting will follow the workshop at 6PM.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council he has the well on artesian flow. The chlorine has been varying and he has been working on getting it regulated. Eastman will be out of town this next week. When he returns he will be attending the conference in Casper to renew his waste water certification.

Zoning: Nothing to report

Public Works: Mayor Irene told the Council the kitchen door in the senior center is completed, batteries were replaced for the generator at the sewer lagoon, and a company from Casper identified the problems so they can be fixed at the lift station. Water is tapped to the new line going to the public works building but a contractor will be hired to complete the work from the street to the building hook up because of a safety issue. Work on the public works building is to the point of electricians and heating contractors coming in.

HCJPB: Rep. Grillo reported the Board met for a workshop on October 4th and their regular meeting on October 5th where they paid bills in the amount of \$10,111.30. Saratoga will be hauling their waste to the landfill to help with the contour of the pit and increase a new revenue stream. The Board finished their proof of cash for the State Audit. They are looking for a new insurance company and the IRS has documentation that the taxes in question were paid. Grillo had handouts on the equipment for the change over at the landfill and vendors have been in the area to assess what is needed or what they can provide. The Council discussed the pros and cons of the material presented. November 3rd the Board will go to SLIB to request funding for closure and cease transfer. There were audience questions on the closure date, which is July 1, 2020, the closure fund balance and monitoring the landfill cap for the next 30 years.

Park Board: The Park Board had their last meeting of the season.

Cemetery Board: Nothing to report from the Board. Pat Eastman told the Board that after looking into the price of a gazebo at the cemetery it was cost prohibitive. The Senior Board would like to buy benches and place on brick pads. This will be a spring or summer project.

Museum Board: Director Domnitz told the Council they are on winter hours. A newsletter is posted online and in the post office announcing the schedule for each month. There was discussion on the number of guests visiting the museum and the walking trail. Chairman Menke discussed with the Council the research she has done on the museum's desire to move from its present location. She explained with changes to their budget and the employment of the new Director they will be short funds to operate. The Mayor told the audience that the old library building usage is up in the air and since they had a lease thru this FY year they should keep the museum at the present location. In addressing the short fall he asked that the Council approve \$1,600 from the budgeted mosquito control to the museum board line item to see them thru the FY. **Cm Meyer made a motion to fund the museum board line item in the amount of \$1,600 from line item mosquito control;** Cm. Jones seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

CCVC: Rep. Julie Webb will be attending the annual conference in Saratoga. The town received a letter thanking them for supporting the CCVC in promoting Carbon County. They enclosed the 2017 VVCV Annual Report.

CCCOG: Elk Mountain hosted the CCOG meeting September 20th with guest speaker Barbara Bonds. Ms. Bonds answered questions about the Specific Purpose Tax. Representatives worked on the Boswell Springs impact information needed to be a party

to the new wind project. Councilmen Grillo discussed the Boswell Spring Wind Project and the impact funding justification.

LEPC: Cm. Grillo presented the tabletop exercise to around 20 participants on the Elk Mountain Historic Landfill. The discussion centered on evacuation, emergency responders, information gathering and notification.

WIND CONFERENCE: Councilmen Grillo attended a wind conference at the University of Wyoming. It was based around the potential development of wind projects and standardization of the guidelines used. Some counties in the state permit differently which can affect projects that cross county lines. The impact to counties and towns and the nature perspective were also included topics.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure Crane told the Council that the F-66 was finished and sent to the State Auditor's Office. We received the annual summary which requires the town to do a self audit and assessment of internal controls. This is due December 31st. **Cm. Meyer made a motion to approve the September Treasurer Report as presented;** Cm Grillo seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: **Cm. Grillo made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from September 12, 2017 thru October 9, 2017 in the amount of \$19,169.53;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye; motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: Carbon County Visitors Council; Terracon, Wyoming Department of Transportation, State of Wyoming Dept. of Audit, Various Minutes and emails

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center/Phase 1 Update: The Mayor reported that an electrician and heating contractors need to be hired to finish the Public Works Building.

Verizon: The town received paperwork to comment on the Wagon Hound Verizon Tower from Terracon a sight consultant. The Council had no comments to make on the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Replacement of Council Seat Vacancy: The Council made the decision to place a notice to advertise for the vacant council seat. Letters of interest will be accepted thru Oct.23rd. Interviews will be held prior to the next regular council meeting on November 13th.

Verizon Tower: Craig Jones addressed the Council about the Verizon Tower proposed to go on their property in the town limits. He told them it was all permitted and ready to be built then the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had regulatory problems. Verizon has been trying to work with the SHPO so that the tower can be completed. The Council asked if commenting to SHPO in support of the location and support Verizon for placing the tower in a location that is optimal for correcting dead zones and improving service in our area would help move the project forward. The town will have letters of support to SHPO and Verizon if you wish to sign the signature page or they encourage you to write your own.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Grillo motioned to adjourn at 7:58PM;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

CLERK

MAYOR