

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joseph Grillo via telephone

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Robert Meyer

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

**CITIZEN/VISITORS:** Ken Casner, Bill Sherwood

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Cm Grillo motioned to take the October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes off the table to approve; Cm Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries. Cm. Grillo made a motion to approve the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes; Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries. Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the November 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes; Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Abstained, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Abstained, motion carries.

**CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:** Ken Casner addressed the Council about the hunting and gun fire around town. He stated he had visited with other residents who had also heard and witnessed the gun shots. The concern was the shots were being fired toward town which is a great safety hazard. Casner said he had contacted the Wyoming Game and Fish and the County Sheriff but neither agency enforces municipal ordinances. The town code states that fire arms will not be discharged in town or within a one mile radius of the town. But without the town having a municipal marshal or code enforcement officer ordinances cannot be enforced even at the municipal level. The Mayor told the Council and audience that he has been working with the county on an MOU which would allow Sheriff Deputy to respond in the town limits. There was discussion on the validity of the ordinances if they cannot be enforced.

**REPORTS:** Fire Dept.: Cm Meyer told the Council that the department had 7 incident calls with 5 being semi blow-overs. The Chili Cook-off was a success with an estimate of over a 100 people attending. The department intends to use the Boswell Springs Impact Funds to purchase bunker gear, extrication tools and self contained breathing apparatuses. Bill Sherwood told the Council he has Overhead Doors come and adjust the bay doors at the fire department.

SCWEMS: The Mayor attended the last meeting in Saratoga. They have stationed a newer ambulance at the Elk Mountain Station. Chairman Steward acknowledged Wyoming Game and Fish for allowing employees to go on calls during the work day. The discussion of an EMT shortage has prompted the Mayors to canvas their towns for people interested in becoming EMTs. Chairman Steward will be attending council meeting to ask for help in recruiting. There will be a new EMT class starting January 2. The assessment the service had done talked about the sustainability of the current model and made recommendations to look into a 2 station model. At this time Hanna, Elk Mountain,

Medicine Bow, Saratoga and Encampment all have stations and are served with paid volunteers. All the stations have new station managers.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council he has finished the annual report to the State Engineers Office for the water usage during 2017. The town used 8 million gallons from October thru September; this was down from last year's usage. Eastman said they had revised the T-Chlor supply system at the tanks.

Zoning: Nothing for zoning.

Public Works: The Public Works Director continues to work on the new shop building. 71 Construction came and finished the trenching and connected the water and sewer to the new building. The electricians and heating contractor are in place and now just waiting for them to come. The propane tank needs moved over and Blakeman will do that once the furnace is in. Volunteer came to help with the Christmas decorating on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Director Neuman has done some pot hole patching thanks to the nice weather we've had.

HCJPB: Rep. Grillo and Mayor Irene reported on the landfill. The 3 Mayors are on the same page with the post closure plan and landfill report so it is moving forward. They reported on items going on at the landfill. The insurance company found a new underwriter to replace the old company at the same price. The Board approved bills in the amount of \$23,249.60.

Park Board: No Report

Cemetery Board: No Report

Museum Board: Clerk Crane reported that Joyce Menke will not be requesting reappointment to the Board so there will be an opening in January for the seat. The Director has been doing monthly events at the museum and just put out a holiday newsletter.

CCVC: December's meeting will be a teleconference and January's meeting will be hosting in Elk Mountain.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene attended the COG meeting. He requested anyone who would like to be a representative to the 5<sup>th</sup> penny tax campaign to work for its ballot passage or knows someone who would the town is in need of a rep. There was conversation on the 2020 Census. The next meeting is in January in Rawlins.

LEPC: The next meeting is this Thursday and Cm Meyer plans on attending.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Crane told the Council that the utility billing is done for the months of October and November. There are no late charges on the billing because of equipment malfunction. The taxes from the county have not been received for 2 months they are behind because of a changeover of personnel and a new bookkeeping system. The town also received a check from FEMA for the volunteer hours submitted for the 2011 flood. Crane recommended approving the November Treasurers Report as presented. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the November Treasurer Report as presented;** Cm Meyer seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from November 14, 2017 thru December 11, 2017 in the amount of \$28,075.48; Cm. Jones seconded the

motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Dept of Environmental Quality, State Engineer's Office, WyDot, Bank of Commerce, WSAM, US Dept. Commerce (LUCA), W.W.Q.&P.C.A., Ellen Kenned, Mike Potter, Various Minutes an Emails

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Community Center/Phase 1 Update: The Mayor told the Council the donor he had been working with for a portion of the Community Center fell through so he would be looking at other options. The center has been pared down in size to fit on the lot next to the new library.

Verizon: Clerk Crane sat in on a teleconference with Trileaf, Verizon and SHPO about the new Verizon tower being constructed near town. She told the Council that the new site is in county and it will take another 3 to 4 months of study to get a permit to build. They will need to do a cultural and archeology resources review during that time period and it will need to go out to public comment. This tower may also be taller than originally thought. SHPO will also review at this time and could also comment that it has an adverse effect on historical properties in town although the Director of SHPO thought that the property owners were happy with the concessions made in the moving of the tower from the original site.

Boswell Springs Wind Project: Cm. Grillo and Mayor Irene attended the hearings on the Boswell Springs Wind Project with the ISC. The ISC has approved the request made for impact funds for this project.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 17-2 Assign Address to Brain Ward Property: After discussion on the sequence of numbers used to assign the address **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 17-2 with changes to the address from 502 East Main Street to 602 East Main Street;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

Changes to Bank Account Signors: **Cm. Jones made a motion to remove Shelly Bradford from the checking accounts and WyoStar and add Cm Angie Hobbs to the signature cards;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

WyDot Water Agreement: Clerk Crane said the agreement with WyDot and the Town was returned from the State Engineers Office for temporary water usage for the upcoming construction projects. Water will be metered and taken from the hydrant at the WyDot Maintenance Shop.

Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind Project: The Mayor requested a workshop after the first of the year to map out projects and designate the funds the town is expected to receive as impact money from the CCSM wind project. It will also be a good time to go over goals and objectives from the previous workshop.

Rylie Richardson Proposal: Rylie Richardson sent the Council a bid on the town's surplus garbage truck. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to sell Rylie Richardson the GMC Garbage Truck for \$1,000;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

Mayor Pro Tem Appointment: Mayor Irene appointed Cm. Jones as the Mayor Pro Tem. **Cm Grillo made a motion to ratify Mayor Irene's appointment of Cm Jones as**

**Mayor Pro Tem;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Grillo Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Grillo motioned to adjourn at 8:26PM;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

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MAYOR