

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
Wednesday February 23, 2022, 6:30pm in the Town Hall complex**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Craig Mustard

Cm. Kennedy

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Brent Mahle

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: None

Joe Neel joined the meeting. Clerk Crane administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Council Member Neel. Cm. Neel took his place on the Council.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: Assistant Chief Bob Meyer was unable to attend but sent a written report. Clerk Crane told the Council the fire department had 9 callouts in January 2-had no response and 1 was a cancellation. M1 is getting painted, the gun raffle cleared \$5,500 and 2 fire men attended Midwinter. Meyer included a printout from John Rutherford on the need for a Fire District in the county.

SCWEMS: The Mayor attended the last meeting over Zoom. He reported the ambulance director is doing a good. They are making some personnel changes to the Station Managers. EMT classes are well attended. The service has budgeted to replace 2 of the old ambulances. They have found possible grant money from the state and plan to ask SLIB for help in purchasing new ambulances.

Public Works: Director Redmond is at a mosquito/pesticide training in Lander and unable to attend the meeting. He left a report with the Mayor to present to Council. Redmond has spoken to Larry Korkow about the Vac Truck and he told him at the time of purchase it was working fine. If that is the case, he would like Korkow to show him how to operate it. He has also looked at the fencing at the sewer lagoon that need repair and is weighing different options to fix it. The doors for the museum are coming in at a much larger cost so he continues to look for alternatives and better pricing. He assessed the window problem at the library and has the supplies to fix it. Redmond has been cleaning and organizing the cold storage, PW shop and water building. He helped Director Hobbs move some items being stored in the Bjork Building to the museum's new building. Has been studying for the water and sewer certifications.

He was approached by the new owner of Tandan Trash Co. about contracting with them to pick up town garbage. The Council felt they are fine with the town handling this internally at this time.

Garrett Irene told the Mayor the East Tank has a leak that will need to be repaired.

HCJPB: Mayor Irene has a quarterly meeting with the Board on March 3rd at 6:00 in the Elk Mountain Town Hall. Cm. Kennedy wanted to let him know that 2 of the trucks they deposited of have not been picked up, the water tank and a dump truck.

Museum Board: Director Hobbs told the Council she was open 1 day this month. She received some donations from the Candolin Family. The Carbon County School District Recreation Board grant has been submitted for 2022-23 FY.

CCVC: Received minutes from their meetings.

CCCOG: The next meeting is in Rawlins.

LEPC: Bob Meyer sent a report of the February meeting. It was included in the packets for the Councils information.

CCEDC: Director Yvonne Johnson has requested to be on the March agenda to address the Council.

TREASURER REPORT: Cm. Kennedy motioned to approve the January Treasurer Reports; Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

BILLS TO RATIFY AND PAID: Cm. Kennedy made a motion to pay the bills from January 11, 2022, thru February 14, 2022, in the amount of \$27,452.73; Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WIND IMPACT REPORT: Impact report was included in Council packet. Cm. Hobbs attended a Zoom prehearing meeting for the Rock Creek Wind Energy Impact.

CORRESPONDENCE: Rock Creek Wind Energy Project, Various emails and board minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Natural Gas Update: The Mayor told the Council that Steve Shute has reviewed the pictures he sent of the Black Hills reg station on Hwy 72. Shute discussed tapping into a current distribution service which would supply 4x our max load and not have a need for a further regulator. He felt the price stated by BHI is far more than the costs that would be incurred. Shute said next step would be a feasibility study and this project has much of the legwork already done. The mayor requested a quote on the study and has not heard back from Shute.

Mayor Irene has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Specific Purpose Tax Board.

McClain Variance at 206 Evans: Cm. Kennedy motioned to deny the variance request for 206 Evans as presented; Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Neel Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries. The Mayor asked the Clerk to send a letter to Mr. McClain stating the Councils decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bair Energy: Nicolas Bair, CEO of Bair Energy the company involved with the potential H2 Facility near Elk Mountain has requested to be placed on the agenda for the March meeting. He will talk about the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Cm Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 7:55PM; Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

CLERK

MAYOR