

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

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

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Dawn Kenneda

Cm. Robert Meyer

Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Ken Campbell, HCJPB, Leslie Jefferson and Julie Webb, CCVC, Paul Martin, Intermountain Wind, William Sherwood

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Cm. Kenneda made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes; Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Abstain, motion carries.

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Leslie Jefferson, Director of CCVC addressed the Council and thanked them for approving the appointment of Elk Mountain Representative Julie Webb. She said she is an asset to the Board. Jefferson told the Council that tourism is alive and well in Carbon County and quoted the money the state and county have received through the Lodging Tax. They have been attending trade shows, changed marketing on online and changed the visitor guide in a partnership with VIP. The mapping project the Council has been working on for a few years are up and running. She showed a map created for the entire county showing all the roads and trails. This is also available on the website and downloading online. The hardcopy is water resistant and available for purchase throughout the county. The County will be creating new videos for their website this year. Jefferson left the visitors guide for distribution in the town hall and their Fiscal Year-End 2018 annual Report. The CCVC is looking for support to pass the Lodging Tax on the November 6th General Election Ballot. The Mayor asked if the City of Rawlins has appointed a new representative. Jefferson said they thought they would wait until after the elections to fill that seat. Jefferson explained that the CCVC is now responsible for distribution of the Lodging Tax and doesn't go through the County Treasurers Office.

Paul Martin with Intermountain Wind addressed the Council with information on two new wind projects in our area. They are Lucky Star Wind Energy Project and Rivers Wind Energy Project located in Carbon and Albany Counties. Lucky Star is located on the Medicine Bow River Ranch and Lookout Ranch and Two Rivers is located near Rock River and Medicine Bow. Lucky Star will produce up to 500 megawatts of generation capacity, with up to 200 wind turbine generators. Permitting and approval is set for 2018-2020, construction 2020-2022 with commercial operation the 4th Quarter of 2022. They are expecting 249 workers at the peak of construction and 14 full time operations and maintenance jobs. Their point of interconnection is planned to be at the Aeolus substation. Two Rivers will produce up to 280 megawatts of generation capacity, with up to 80 turbine generators. They plan to get the permitting and approvals into the ISC this year, with construction in 2019-2020 and commercial operations 4th Quarter of 2020. Estimated jobs are 169 during peak construction and 10 operations and maintenance full time positions at completion. Their point of interconnection is planned to be at the Freezeout Substation. The Council asked about living arrangement for the workers with the other proposed project falling in the same time frame. Martin told the Council that there will be man camps set up to house the workers. They also discussed impact since these two projects are closer to Elk Mountain.

REPORTS: Fire Dept: Bill Sherwood told the Council the department responded to 3 fire call to Medicine Bow and 2 ambulance calls. Sherwood said he has been working on installing hose reels on the pumper truck. The department is hosting a school program/open house at the fire house Friday at 10:00. The Mayor ask Sherwood about an MOU with McFadden's fire department to possibly run as a sister station since they have fell through the crack for impact money. Council thought this should be checked out with the County to check for jurisdiction and an MOU would need to be reviewed by the attorney.

SCWEMS: October 9th is the next meeting in Medicine Bow. There has been discussion on an addition to the Saratoga Ambulance Barn for a training room and office. The new bookkeeper is in place and they have hired a full time ambulance director.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman was unable to attend the meeting but left comments to give to the Council. He stated the wells have elevated chlorine levels and is lowering it down slowly. There is enough in the distribution system to not be a problem. John Page has passed his Level One Water Certification and Eastman has been training with him. Eastman reported on the Specific Purpose Tax. If the tax collection continues to maintain as it has for August and September the town should be setting to receive \$100K. The money mistakenly withheld from our account would be distributed next year.

Zoning: No report

Cm. Meyer left the meeting

Public Works: Mayor Irene told the Council Director Neuman and John Page filled the potholes around town. The Mayor received a bid for the pumper control system for \$5,681 and has contacted Prairie Dog Electric to do a bid for the wiring at the lagoon.

HCJPB: Ken Campbell reported that the truck hydraulics are out and they have a line on a used truck to replace it. The DEQ inspection went well. In old business they discussed the closure plan and waiting to see how the elections go. They approved bills in the amount of \$9,502.32. They have cut off the trash coming in from Saratoga because of capacity.

Park Board: No report.

Cemetery Board: No report

Museum Board: Cm. Kenneda presented the Council with a printout of the 17-18 and 18-19 Museum budget. The CCSD#2 Recreation Board awarded a grant but not in the amount requested so the museum will probably have to come back to the Council to request supplemental funding.

CCVC: Report in the Audience Participation

CCCOG: Mayor Irene attended the meeting held in Hanna. DeBari Martinez told the Council that the Great Divide Economic Development needs a member and to contact Linda Smith if you're interested. Each entity was asked to do a radio spot on Bigfoot 99 to inform the public on the 5th Penny Tax that is on the November 6th General Election Ballot. Joan Evans with George K. Baum is doing a campaign for the 6th Penny Tax. November 9th is the deadline to get the projects in for the 6th Penny. The Mayor told the Council the cost projection for the town's natural gas is \$2.2 M. and paving and chip sealing the streets \$250K with a 15% contingency. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion that the town will submit the 6th Penny cost estimate of \$2.41M for natural gas, \$250K for paving and repairs and 15% contingency;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent, motion carries.

LEPC: Clerk Crane reported the LEPC meeting is October 11th at the Fire Station #2 starting at 9:00am.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Cm. Kenneda made a motion to approve the September Treasurer Report as presented; Cm. Jones seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda Aye, Cm. Meyer Absent; motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Cm. Hobbs made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from September 11, 2018 to October 8, 2018 in the amount of \$23,223.67; Cm. Kenneda seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kenneda, Cm. Meyer Absent, Aye, motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: Various emails and minutes sent out

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center/Phase 2 Update: The Mayor said he was going ask the Council in November to approve moving forward on the Community Center.

Boswell Springs Wind Project: No updates.

TB Flats Wind Project: No Update

Ekola Flats: No Update

Gateway West Transmission Line Project: Cm. Hobbs attended the prehearing and said it went well. She mentioned the ISC is looking for ways to streamline the process. She will be attending the prehearing on the 25th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Propane Contract-Rescind motion for Ferrellgas Propane Contract: After a discussion to check propane prices again since Amerigas had restrictions on their contract. Clerk Crane is asked to check with the area provider for contact prices.

Sewer Pump Controller: This was discussed in Public Work.

Impact Discussion: The Mayor brought up with the impact we could see from the wind projects did the Council want to address some of the problems that could arise, i.e. random parking of RVs etc. The Council has requested impact funds to do a Master Plan for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 8:30 PM;** Cm. Kenneda seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

CLERK

MAYOR