

**OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 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. Tammy Page  
Cm. Craig Mustard  
Absent Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Also, Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, John Page, Water Superintendent and Public Works

**CITIZEN/VISITORS:** Bob Johnson, Robert Meyer, Sheri Johnson, Brian O'Connor, Jon Nelson, Northfork Engineering

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 3, 2021 Liquor License Hearing and Special Budget Workshop/Meeting; Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:** Bob Johnson addressed the Council about the irrigation well at the cemetery. He said he would help cut back the willows around the well and possibly has some black pipe to replace and repair what's there. The town has a new pump to install so the trees and bushes can be irrigated. He said he would get with the Public Works Director to move forward.

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Dept:** Bob Meyer addressed the Council. There were very few runs with sickness and weather over the last month. The Department responded to 2 medical events. At their last meeting they elected officers- Chief Brian O'Connor, Assistant Chief Bob Meyer, Secretary Pat Blight, Captains Brent Kelly and Paul Blight. Meyer told the Council that the radios will need reprogramed. The Mayor is working on get someone to fix the siren. Chief O'Connor added that there was a change order on the International that is being retrofitted. The refurbished truck will need a radio installed. The Council had a discussion on tracks for the new side by side and the Mayor didn't think this would be a good fit for impact funds to purchase.

**SCWEMS:** SCWEMS had their first meeting with the new Ambulance Director. They are using some of the impact funds in the Hanna and Medicine Bow area that remained after the termination of the Classic Air Ambulance contract. They will be looking to hire 2 EMT and the South End Manager.

**Public Works:** Director Page reported on Public Works:

- Testing has shown a slight rise in COVID cases in town again.
- The fuels pumps and registers have been ordered and will be scheduled for installation.
- The valves that are leaking at the water tanks need some parts that he will order this month. Estimated cost of \$300 from the water fund.
- Sewer plant is working well. Page placed biological "bugs" in the lagoon to improve the sludge profile.
- Carbon County Weed and Pest approved our grant request for this year's mosquito abatement program.
- We received payment from WyDot for damage to water meter pits and water valve covers.

- HCJPB reimbursed the town for the new trash trailer and surveillance camera system.
- An appointment is set up on Wednesday to get new tires on the trash truck.
- Larvicide application will start this week with adulticide starting in mid-June.
- With change overs in the propane services offered in town and the service the town has been receiving Page will look for contract quotes from the existing companies for the coming year.
- Page is looking to purchase a locking rollup tonneau cover for the town truck with an estimated cost of \$1,100-\$1,500. The Mayor told him to look at his budget for monies before he requested impact funds. He will be ordering a pallet of Quickcrete for the street sign posts. The cost should be around \$350 and come from the public safety impact fund. The water plants need more chlorine containment barrels they will cost around \$400 and come from the water enterprise fund if the budget line items is short.

The Council discussed the rumor that chlorine will be having a price increase. With the amount of water used during the summer the town goes through a lot of product. The Mayor asked Page to look into purchasing more to have a supply on hand in case the prices does increase.

**HCJPB:** The town received the reimbursement for the trailer and camera system. The Board is waiting on payment to pay for the Medicine Bow trash truck. After looking over the remaining equipment, a water truck and 2 dump trucks they decided to scrape them. When all the old business is taken care of the Board will move to a 2-line budget. This will include one for monitoring and one for the Board's bond.

**Park Board:** The Park Board had a meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Sheri Johnson addressed the Council with their plans for this season. They are planning a park clean-up on June 5<sup>th</sup> and are looking for volunteers to help and donate materials and time. They are planting the fenced in area near the gazebo and placing a walkway, bench, and arbor. They also have a pre-school playhouse that needs assembled and sunshades installed on the gazebo. There was a discussion on where the playhouse should set in conjunction with the park boundary lines. Page will meet with Johnson to see if their placement is okay. The bird house wall needs reset and the bird houses placed back on the structure. The wooden swing needs repaired or replaced.

Page will be mowing the park this year on Fridays. Johnson asked about the sprinkler head that need hooked up around the patio area.

The Council had people inquire about putting in a basketball court on the old volleyball area. The Council members and the Park Board members were asked what their opinions were on this. The consensus was it was something the park has been trying to get done but the cost was prohibitive. With the town doing the street project this summer and a contractor already mobilized, the engineer asked for a bid to do a half court or a full court. The question of losing the parking spaces was addressed and the Board didn't want to see that happen. Jon Nelson said that in making it an actual basketball court it shouldn't be parked on. But he would go back and work up another plan with the contractor that could have a dual purpose. The intent of the basketball area was for kids and adults to shoot baskets for entertainment; not have a competitive designed court.

The Park Board is planning the ice cream social in July.

**Museum Board:** The museum opens for the season on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The second annual Duckie Race will be May 31<sup>st</sup> with cobbler for Elk Mountains 112<sup>th</sup> birthday. Director Hobbs ordered the new brochures to distribute through out the state. She designed new walking tour brochures for people interested in touring the town. New t-shirts and magnets are ordered for retail. She is putting together the summers activities list. CCVC approve signage for "wayfinder" signs which let people know where there are attractions. There was discussion on bringing the donated picnic table from Arlington.

**CCVC:** Minutes were sent to the Council.

**CCCOG:** The next meeting is Wednesday in Saratoga at the PVCC. They plan to have a presentation by Lenny Layman, Emergency Management Coordinator and area legislators talk about the legislative sessions.

**LEPC:** The next meeting in Wednesday.

**Treasurer Report:** Crane told the Council that they have received the SPT money, and she transferred it into the WyoStar Account. **Cm. Mustard made a motion to approve the April Treasurers Report as presented;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**Bills to Ratify and Paid: Cm. Mustard made a motion to pay the bills from April 13, 2021 thru May 10, 2021 in the amount of \$22,092.39;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**WIND IMPACT REPORT:** The Impact report was included in the packet.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** WARWS, Euclid, Blue Cross Blued Shield, DEQ, Various Board Minutes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Habel Land Exchange-TABLED:** Item was left on the Table.

**Natural Gas Update-**The Mayor received an update from Southern Star. The scoping for this project is complete and the estimators are formulating a Gate 1 level estimate. They are looking around the area to find a suitable tap. They have applied to extend their area. They asked the Mayor to sign a Non-Binding Bid Form to show the Federal Government the towns interest in the project.

**Budget Workshop and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading FY 2021-22-**Scheduled for Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM Town Hall Complex.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems Voting Delegate: Cm. Hobbs made motion to specify John Page as the WARWS voting delegate to the Virtual Annual Business Meeting;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**Application for Payment No. 1: Cm. Page made amotion to approve the Performance and Payment Bond for STC;** Cm. Mustard seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Cm. Page Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Kennedy Absent, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None needed

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

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MAYOR