

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Irene called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Council Members present at roll call:
Cm. Angie Hobbs
Cm. Janeen Jones
Cm. Robert Meyer
Absent: Cm. John Page
Also Present: Linda Crane, Clerk/Treasurer, Pat Eastman, Water Superintendent,
Bill Sherwood, Fire Chief
- CITIZEN/VISITORS: Jon Anderson, Linda Edmunds, Joe Grillo, Craig Jones, Ken Casner, Al Santilli,
Morris Booth, Dorothy Booth, Linda Wagner, Leonard Gonzales Sr., Elder
Wilson, Elder Hostlobaugh, Steve Bonner
- APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the agenda. Elder Wilson and Hostlobaugh and
Leonard Gonzales asked to speak in audience participation. **Cm. Hobbs made a
motion to approve the agenda as amended;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion;
Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer
Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.
- APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the December 2, 2013 Regular Meeting
Minutes. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the December 2nd Regular
Meeting Minutes;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs
Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent,
motion carried.
- CITIZENS ADDRESSING
THE COUNCIL: Elder Wilson and Hostlobaugh told the Council they would like to do community
service for the town. The Mayor said there were some projects the Public Works
could use help with and Gary would be contacting them. Leonard Gonzales Sr.
addressed the Council concerning the HCJPB Landfill. He said the letter sent to
the box holders had two inaccuracies. He said the HCJPB had not applied for
grant funds from the state at this time but had sent a letter of intent for funds or
grants. He also told the Council that it is up to the JBJPB to close the landfill. Mr.
Gonzales said Hanna doesn't have a plan because it is the Board's responsibility to
make that plan and once that is done they will bring it to the Towns. He stated the
Towns don't tell the Board anything they just approve and finalize the landfills
budget. Mayor Irene said the reference to Hanna not having a plan was to the
handling of refuse after the closure. Linda Wagner also spoke on the plan to close
the landfill. She said years ago the WDEQ mandated the Board develop a plan for
closure and transfer that would affect all three communities. Hanna is waiting to
hear from the Board what that plan entails. There was a plan but it is outdated and
needs updated. Bill Sherwood asked about the HCJPB's duties for the towns and
said he thought the Board was to represent the wishes of the 3 communities in
actually making their decisions and they should be in discussions as to what the
Town's want done. Mr. Gonzales agreed that the communities should be in
discussion.
- REPORTS: Reports were given by Fire Dept., SCWEMS, Water Dept., Zoning, Public Works
Dept., HCJPB, Park Board, Cemetery Board, Juvenile Services, CCEDB and
CCCOG.
- Fire Dept.: Chef Sherwood told the Council that the Insurance Service
Organization contacted him about surveying the town the last time it was done
was in the 80's. The Department has finished all their annual reporting. The fire
department had 103 calls last year and at this time have 13 members. The Energy
Audit grant has been submitted. There was a problem with the switch on one of
the bay doors that needed fixed.
- SCWEMS: Representative Sikes was unable to attend the meeting but left a
message with the clerk that they had 13 calls last month finishing the year with 76
calls. She and Stephanie Colman are conducting EMT trainings and they have 19
taking the class. SCWEMS has purchased two vehicles to be used by the
ambulance staff and one will be stationed at Elk Mountain.
- Water: Water Superintendent Eastman told the Council that the water testing
results were back from Energy Lab. All of the tests were very good except the

radium 228 and the radium nuclide rate which came back at a 5.8 reading. The top of the scale is 5.0 so he has contacted the company to rerun the sample since it is high and in the last testing radium was at a non-detect level. He was testing in the winter to compare results based on retention in the distribution system. The test showed no effect on the results. He told the Council that the sewer repairs have been done to the Jones cabin on Bridge Street. They had to scope the sewer to see where the problem was. Because it was the Towns error that caused the need to fix the line the resident will be reimbursed costs associated with the repair. **Cm. Meyer made a motion to reimburse Joe Grillo for expenses incurred for a hotel;** Cm. Hobbs asked where that money would come from and Treasurer Crane said it would come from the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Abstaining, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.

Zoning: No Reported.

Public Works: Mayor Irene said the new garbage truck is repaired. The work done was under warranty. The also told the Council that Gary had done repairs to the old garbage truck so he could continue with the garbage pickup while the truck was down.

HCJPB: Representative Grillo said that the landfill ratified bills in the amount of \$7,759.58. They have retained the officers for the coming year. The bookkeeper has resigned and they are looking to fill that position. The annual report has been filed with the state and everything is in order. At their last meeting the guest speakers were Rebecca Derrick and Craig McOmie, WDEQ. They presented options for the upcoming closure and spoke of funding available to help with closure but these funds are not guaranteed or promised. They discussed the slope of the landfill and minimum and maximum fill to obtain that slope for cap and closure so it is at the least expense for the Towns.

Park Board: No Report

Cemetery Board: No Report

Juvenile Services: No Report

CCEDB: The Mayor said they had their annual meeting. Wal-Mart is back with plans to come to Rawlins along with the Marriott Hotel.

CCCOG: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Crane recommended to the Council to approve the November treasurers report as presented. **Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the November treasurers report;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. Treasurer Crane recommended to the Council to approve the December treasurers report as presented. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve the December treasurers report;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and paying the bills that were tabled at the December meeting in the amount of \$65,745.92. Cm. Jones asked what the Amazon charge was for; Treasurer Crane said it was for the drum belt for the printer. **Cm. Hobbs motioned to ratify and pay the bills from Nov. 13th through Dec. 10th in the amount of \$65,745.92;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion, Council poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and paying the bills in the amount of \$45,559.23. Cm. Jones asked what the Custom Builders charge was; the Mayor said it was for the heating system repair at the water building. **Cm. Meyer motioned to ratify and pay the bills from Dec. 11th through January 14th in the amount of \$45,559.23;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion, Council poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ken Casner, Morris & Dorothy Booth, Carbon Power & Light, Wyoming Tire to Fuel, Rawlins Transfer Station, Wyoming Retirement, Assurant Health, US Census Bureau, Severance & Mineral Distribution, CCSD#2 Rec. Board, Keri Bohlmann, WyDot, Mary Keating Scott. Cm. Jones asked what the CCSD#2 correspondence was for. Clerk Crane said it was the Rec Board grant guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

Specific Purpose Water Project: Jon Anderson, PMPC updated the Council on the water project. The Hydronic heat in the water building has been repaired the cost of repairs was shared by the Contractor, PMPC and the Town. The transmission line project is being advertised with the pre-bid meeting 10:00am, January 23th and bid opening February 5th at 2:00pm. The plan is to execute the contract at the March Town Council Meeting and begin construction April 1st.

CCOG 5th Penny Tax: At this time the Town is looking for someone to represent the Town on the Ad Hoc Committee to put together the educational materials for the 5th Penny Tax. Linda Wagner discussed the possibilities of County Commissioner Jones, a person from the Saratoga Sun and herself working on this project if the other entities cannot find people for the committee. They would then bring their ideas to the CCOG for approval. They felt a more cost effective way to inform would be to let towns educate their own communities to the projects the 5th Penny funds.

Christmas Decorations: The Council felt that accepting the community service help from Elders Wilson and Hostlobaugh would be a good idea to help Gary take down the Christmas decorations. Gary will coordinate the bucket truck and their availability.

Bid Opening for Surplus Trucks: One bid for the garbage truck was received from Kois Brothers in the amount of \$5,000.00. After some discussion it was decided to reject all bids and at this time keep the truck for a spare. **Cm. Jones made a motion to reject the bid from Kois Brothers for \$5,000.00;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. Clerk Crane told the Council that the Town did not receive any bids for the PW pickup.

ISC Meeting Update: Cm. Meyer and Ken Casner gave an update on the DKRW portion of the ISC meeting held in Saratoga on Dec. 18th. Al Santilli asked about participating agency status. The Mayor explained that in order for the Town to have participating status the permitting process would have to be started over again. The Town must depend on the ISC willingness to read submitted letter from the Town or have an agency with participating status represent our views.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

Audience member Ken Casner asked that the Council rescind a motion made in November to ask for early closure of the HCJP Landfill. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to rescind the motion made at the November Council Meeting for early closure of the HCJPB Landfill;** Cm. Jones seconded the motion; Council poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Absent, motion carried. Mr. Casner when questioned what the plans of the Council were for closure. The Mayor said as long as the HCJPB keeps talking about issues and follows through with presenting a closure plan the Town has no plans to transfer until the landfill is closed. The Council will do what is best for our community when the time comes and that decision will be supported by further research that gives more information.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion, all Council Members voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor