

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

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

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Joseph Grillo

Cm. Robert Meyer

Cm. John Page

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

CITIZENS/VISITORS: Al Santilli, Linda Edmonds, Judy Redding, Bill Sherwood

APPROVE AGENDA: **Cm. Page made a motion to approve the agenda as amended;** Cm. Grillo seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Irene asked for approval of the July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Cm. Grillo made a motion to approve the July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Aye, Cm. Hobbs Abstain, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Abstain, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

Al Santilli wanted to mention that the seniors had their silent auction and made “north” of \$3K. He brought up how difficult it is to attract people in town to attend community based events. Devin Jones with Sunrise Engineering came at the request of Eastman and Neuman to discuss a software installation that maps the utilities in a community. It is cloud based and can be purchased directly or with an annual based users fee. The Council said they would be interested in seeing it in more depth with a more accurate quote to use or purchase.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept., SCWEMS, Water Dept., Zoning, Public Works Dept., HCJPB, Park Board, Cemetery Board, Museum Board, Juvenile Services, CCEDB, CCVC, CCCOG, LEPC, Bridge Update

Fire Dept.: Cm. Meyer told the Council that in June there were 11 calls and in July they had 3 rollovers and 1 medical call.

SCWEMS: Clerk Crane read a report from Representative Sikes. Jeb Steward replaced Ken Drain as the Encampment Representative and the Saratoga seat is still open. Election of officers with Jeb Steward-Chairman, Kelly Ralston-Vice Chair, Melisa Sikes-Treasurer, Secretary-Vacant. The Board decided to make the part time ambulance director a paid position. They have been discussing employee retention. The service purchased new laptops for the Bow, Saratoga and Encampment stations. They will be sending 5 people to Trauma Conference this year. The new fire station and EMS sign is up at the turn off to the station. Thanks to Bill, Bob, Gary and Natalie for putting it up.

Water Department: Water Superintendent Eastman told the Council that he would like to postpone the work on the tanks until September because one has to be completely drained for service and with the high water usage he wasn't comfortable doing that. There is still problems with the SCADA and they are trying to get Timberline to come back to repair.

Zoning: No Report.

Public Works: Public Works Director Rory Neuman told the Council he has been working on the lot for the new Public Works Building. He is leveling, trimming back the tree and getting ready to dig the new sewer and water lines. He and Eastman did a walk thru with WyDot on the bridge project and added valve box clean outs to the punch list. He also needs to see what aqua dams were damaged so a bill can be sent to Dietzler. He repaired the fire hall door lock and ordered the replacement parts for the roll up door. Neuman represented the town in a court case and the people will start paying reimbursement in September. The Mayor ask that the meter at the town sign be discontinued with the installation of a solar light. There was discussion on a new meter pit to the Public Works building.

HCJPB: Representative Redding told the Council there was a mix up in last month's meeting with Elk Mountain representative going to Medicine Bow and Hanna and Medicine Bow coming to Elk Mountain. The Board did approve bills in the amount of \$24,351.74. New options were discussed at a special meeting with Elk Mountain and Medicine Bow favoring one and Hanna another. They are now looking at a hybrid that could contain a mix of the favored options.

Park Board: The Park Board donated some of the surplus hockey equipment they had to the hockey club in Laramie. They had the ice cream social in the park on July 20th. Boy Scout Troop 221 from Cheyenne stayed at the Elk Mountain Cabins and pulled the weeds from the volleyball court at the park as a community service project.

Cemetery Board: Clerk Crane said she checked with unclaimed property and the William Kennedy Cemetery Fund has not been sent to them for distribution yet.

Bridge Update: After executive session Clerk Crane told the Council that Jason Bogstie had sent updated pictures for the interpretive signage after receiving the first round of comments. The Council needs to make comment before August 22nd if they would like any changes considered. Aaron Spenny said the problem with the lights on the bridge will take a part to fix and it was 2 weeks out. There are basically punch list items left to do on the bridge. They will be bringing in a company to jet the sewer when it is complete and mentioned that if the town needed or wanted any of the other sewers in town done it would be a good time to do as not to have to pay for mobilization. More discussion under New Business.

Cm Grillo left the meeting at 7:35PM.

Museum Board: The Museum Board will have their next meeting August 11th. Their minutes show they received the \$4,000.00 donation from the CCVC. Bill Jones attended a board training put on by LGLP. The museum donated a silent auction item to the senior's fundraiser.

Juvenile Services: No Report

CCEDB: No Report

CCVC: The next meeting is in Baggs on the 17th. The Fall Tourism Summit is Sept. 21-23rd. topics covered will be international tourism, winter campaign and upcoming summer campaign, the solar eclipse event, best practice discussion from the lodging tax board, federal issues impacting hospitality and tourism and the University of Wyoming will be taking input from the industry to consider a degree program in tourism and hospitality. The governor plans to speak at the dinner.

CCCOG: The Mayor attended the Encampment meeting. WyDot did a presentation on road construction for the upcoming year. CCCOG supported a resolution against the legislator increasing wind tax that could affect the Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind Farm project.

LEPC: The next meeting was rescheduled for August 18th.

Clerk Crane told the Council that the West Side Snowy Range Travel Management will have an Open House August 15th from 6-8:00PM at the Senior Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Crane explained the corrections and adjustments to the report to start the new FY. Treasurer Crane ask for approval of the July Treasurer's Report. **Cm. Page made a motion to approve the July Treasure's Report;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Treasurer Crane recommended ratifying and approving bills to be paid from July 12, 2016 thru August 8, 2016 in the amount of \$ \$49,693.56. **Cm. Hobbs motioned to ratify and pay the bills from July 12, 2016 thru August 8, 2016 in the amount of \$49,693.56;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Crane mentioned some of the correspondence the town had received for the month.

OLD BUSINESS: Community Center/Phase 1 Update: There was a discussion of the local fundraising for the library renovation. Clerk Crane said she has had trouble complying with the Fire Marshal's Office to get a fire permit for the new Public Works building

2nd Reading of the Revised Animal Ordinance 12-01-A: After discussion and more additions and deletions to the ordinance a **motion was made by Cm. Page to accept the revisions on 2nd reading to Animal Ordinance 12-01-A;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. Revisions will be posted prior to the September meeting and the 3rd reading so residents can make public comment.

NEW BUSINESS: Bridge Landscaping and Lights: Cm. Grillo said he had been talking with volunteers to place some of the towns rip rap rock along the area between the bridge light and toward

Bruce's driveway as landscaping and also a protection to the hydrant and light and a barrier that could keep cars from exiting the roadway during bad weather. With volunteers the cost would basically be the use of the town equipment to haul the rock from the fire hall and place it. The Mayor was not in favor of the landscaping but said he was just one vote. Grillo also mentioned that if the new lights on the bridge offered enough light the town could discontinue two of the existing street lights for a cost saving. The Mayor thanked Cm Grillo for all the work he did pick up rock from the construction site. Bill Sherwood ask about the size of the pipe and water flow to the new hydrant. Eastman said he would check the volume at that hydrant. The Mayor ask about sewer lines that could be jetted when the company was here doing work on the other project.

1st Reading Ordinance No. 16-02 Designating Street Address 101 Spruce and Public Comment Period: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 16-02 Designating Street Address 101 Spruce Street on 1st reading;** Cm. Meyer seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. 2nd Reading and Public Comment will be at the September Regular Council Meeting.

1st Reading Ordinance No. 16-03 Designating Street Addresses 106 & 108 Bridge Street and Public Comment Period: **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 16-03 Designating Street Address 106 & 108 Bridge Street on 1st reading;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. 2nd Reading and Public Comment will be at the September Regular Council Meeting.

1st Reading Ordinance No. 16-04 Increase in Liquor License Fees and Public Comment Period: There was a discussion on how long it has been since the licensing fees have been increased, the fact that this is one of only two revenue generating options the town has direct authority on and how much of an increase there should be. The clerk showed the Council the prices of licenses in a survey conducted by WAM. Taking the fees from the towns that reported with fewer than 400 people and throwing out Opal as an outlier the average was over \$500.00. Comments from the audience and Council members thought the increase should be around \$650.00 to \$675.00 annually. **Cm. Page made a motion to increase the towns' Annual Retail Liquor License Fee to \$650.00;** Cm. Hobbs seconded motion; Council Poll; Cm. Grillo Absent, Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Meyer Aye, Cm. Page Aye, motion carried. 2nd Reading and Public Comment will be at the September Regular Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Cm. Hobbs made motion to enter executive session concerning legal matters at 8:20PM; Cm. Page seconded the motion. **Cm. Meyer made a motion to exit executive session at 8:30PM;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of executive session;** Cm. Page seconded the motion; all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed. The Council directed the Mayor to confer with legal counsel on a dumpster issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM;** Cm. Page seconded the motion, all Council Members present voting Aye none Opposed.

Clerk

Mayor