

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019 IN THE TOWN HALL COMPLEX

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk Crane administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Bryson Kennedy and Craig Mustard.

ROLL CALL: Council Members present at roll call:

Cm. Angie Hobbs

Cm. Cody Jones

Cm. Bryson Kennedy

Cm. Craig Mustard

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

CITIZEN/VISITORS: Ryan Lewis, Bill Sherwood, Ken Casner

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

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

CITIZEN ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL: Ken Casner asked to address the Council. Mr. Casner told the council that there is a growing problem with gun fire within the town limits. He mentioned incidents with hunting deer and gun fire in town when our town ordinance states no shooting within town and a mile radius outside of town limits. A wounded deer was tracked into a resident's yard and was proceeded to be shot at using a hand gun. When the deer still was not taken down it was shot with a rifle and died in the county right of way. Casner said he and another resident witnessed gun fire from a high powered rifle going through both their property on December 26th. Casner said he had contacted the Game and Fish District Office in Laramie about the incidents and was told they couldn't do anything about enforcing town ordinances. Mr. Casner asked if the town had done anything about getting an MOU with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office and Wyoming Game and Fish. The Mayor said it had not been done yet. Mayor Irene asked Casner to get the dates of the incidents so he could use this information to stress the importance of an MOU with Game and Fish and the Sheriff's Office.

REPORTS: Fire Dept: Chief Ryan Lewis told the Council the department responded to 3 car accidents and a semi fire. The gear they ordered with impact funds arrived. He thanked the Council for the funds to purchase these items and that it was appreciated. The department responded to a structure fire in Medicine Bow. They will be setting up training with Rock Creek Fire. The department has set aside some equipment to give to Rock Creek's department. The fire hall is having a mouse problem any suggestion to help alleviate the problem would be appreciated. Bill Sherwood told the Mayor he would get the paperwork to change the title for the fire department's flatbed trailer to the office. The Mayor told them that after contacting Wakefield, the SCWEMS billing company, that they don't handle Fire Department claims for truck wrecks. Sherwood told the Council that the government is offering a rebate through CP&L on the LED bulbs installed at the fire hall.

SCWEMS: No report.

Water Dept.: Superintendent Eastman told the Council that the department is running routinely. One Call of Wyoming notified the town of a locate where they would be putting in the pads for the Verizon tower

behind the tanks and needed to know if there were any town utilities at the location. Eastman received the questionnaire for the Consumer Confidence Report and he would be filling it out.

Zoning: No report.

Public Works: Mayor Irene told the Council that Mr. Neuman was no longer employed with the town. The Mayor said Riley Richardson would be helping fill in with trash pickup and hauling the garbage trailer as needed. John Page told the Council he has been working on the shop and cold storage buildings. He found a furnace for the PW shop office and plans to buy a conversion kit to make it compatible for propane or natural gas. He has been plowing and doing some snow removal. Page has started the town buildings walk through with the intent to see what needs to be done for routine maintenance. The fire hall will need the sewer line refilled in front of the building, door lock maintenance and the weather stripping completed on the back bay door. Clerk Crane had asked him to check the furnace at the old library because of a usual high electric bill. He found a problem with the wiring and thermostats on two of the older electric baseboards and that the furnace wasn't properly connected into the HVAC system.

HCJPB: Mayor Irene attended the last board meeting in Elk Mountain. During the Landfill Operators report the director gave his 2 week notice after a valid complaint of not receiving health insurance after waiting 6 months. He also expressed his concerns about the landfill closure process. Medicine Bow had one of their representative resign and the bookkeeper also gave her notice.

Park Board: No report.

Cemetery Board: No report

Museum Board: No Report.

CCVC: The council will be holding their March meeting at the Elk Mountain Fire Hall.

CCCOG: Mayor Irene gave a short explanation to the new Council Members about what COG is and that the next meeting will be Wednesday at 6:30PM in Rawlins if anyone would like to attend. He also explained that the town had signed a resolution to bring natural gas into town with 6th penny funds also known as the Specific Purpose Tax. COC is in the process of getting the Specific Purpose Tax on the May ballot. Cm. Kennedy asked some questions about the project and what studies the town would have to have.

LEPC: John Zieger, Carbon County Emergency Planner contacted the office to let the town know they will be kicking off the new Hazard Mitigation Plan. Crane had talked to Bob Meyer to see if he would like to attend the LEPC meetings for the town since he would probably be in attendance for the fire department.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cm. Jones made a motion to approve the December Treasurer Report as presented; Cm. Mustard seconded; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Cm. Mustard made a motion to ratify and pay the bills from December 11, 2018 to January 14, 2018 in the amount of \$61,289.11; Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE: WDEQ, Freudenthal and Bonds, PC., WLC Engineering, WAM, State of Wyoming Dept of Audit, Various emails and minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Wind and Transmission Update: Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind Project has requested a permit change to extend the project from 2016-2023 to 2016-2026. As a party to the project the town has the right to request the matter is heard before the ISC. If no parties make a request it is the Director's intent to authorize the change on or about February 7, 2019. The Boswell Project was approved to lower their decommissioning bond because of a smaller footprint at the project.

Resolution No. 19-1-14: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSITION FOR IMPOSITION OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SPECIFIC PURPOSE SALES AND USE EXCISE TAX IN CARBON COUNTY, WYOMING, SAID PROPOSITION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019 AND ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" COUNTY MASTER RESOLUTION. **Cm. Hobbs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-1-14 as named;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WLC-Boundary and Utility Survey: The Mayor told the Council that the attorney had reviewed the contract for the boundary and utility survey and had made changes. WLC agreed to the changes and the Mayor signed the contract and returned to WLC.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Fork Engineering Meter Contract: North Fork sent a contract for the engineering of the water meter project. Because of the failure of our current meters and reading system it is necessary to get new meters installed. The Mayor has asked the attorney to review this contract. Contract for engineering doesn't have to be put out for bid but the material purchases and labor on the project does. Part of the engineer's duties will be to handle the bid process. The Council discussed the amount of the project which is estimated at \$106K and where the money for this project would be coming from. It had been decided earlier it would come from the water enterprise fund. **Cm. Jones made a motion to sign the contract with North Fork pending a review by the attorney;** Cm. Hobbs seconded the motion; Council Poll; Cm. Hobbs Aye, Mayor Irene Aye, Cm. Jones Aye, Cm. Kennedy Aye, Cm. Mustard Aye, motion carries.

WAM Voting Delegate: Since no one from the Council is able to attend the February Conference in Cheyenne the Mayor appointed Clerk Crane as the voting delegate.

EMES Emergency Evacuation Plan: Mrs. Schneider, EMES Principal asked if the Town Hall/Senior Center could be used for an evacuation center encase of an emergency at the elementary school. The Council saw no problem with letting the school use the building as the evacuation area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

AJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, **Cm. Hobbs motioned to adjourn at 7:45 PM;** Cm. Kennedy seconded the motion; all council Members present voting Aye none Opposed

CLERK

MAYOR