

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

August 15, 2013

1. Mayor Wendell Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, James Roberts, Marlin McCracken, Georgia Hopper, Lindee Cantrell, and Dustyn Foster.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for July 13, 2013
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
4. Donation Requests
Billie Marta board member for Memorial Hall requested a donation of \$ 500 for maintenance, retiling the ladies restroom floor and a new flag pole.
Carrie Wingfield moved to donate \$500 to Memorial Hall, seconded by Georgia Hopper, with all in favor.
5. Angie West – Variance Request to Dog Limit
Ms. West said she has three small dogs, two of which are registered with the Town and would like a variance to keep three dogs. Georgia Hopper said the Town needs to change the Ordinances instead of giving variances. Mayor Koontz said that Ms. West knew the regulations when she moved to Town. Tom Wills said this request is not a variance request, there is an exception written into the ordinance. Attorney Briscoe told the Trustees they need to clarify why the request is being approved or denied. If approved and there are problems in the future, the dogs will have to be removed. Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the request for Ms. West for these three small dogs only, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
6. Hotchkiss K-8 Destination Imagination
Ms. Everest and the students had difficulty with the video equipment and rescheduled for the September meeting.
7. NF Alternative Plan (BLM Resource Management Plan)
Attorney Briscoe said he had requested more definite plan information from Sarah Sauter; he has not received that information. The NF Alternative board is working with BLM to get a more definitive plan and will share that with the Town at a later date. Attorney Briscoe feels some of the plan may be beneficial to the Town and some not. He would like to look at the plan and pick and choose the parts of the plan that the Town can support.
8. Recreational Marijuana - Ordinance 2013-2
Attorney Briscoe told the Trustees this Ordinance prohibits the operation of marijuana cultivating facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores. He also included definitions that are helpful for explanatory documents.
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve Ordinance 2013-2, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
9. Flood Plain Regulation – Resolution 2013-3
Attorney Briscoe amended the two sections requested by Jamie Prochno, State of Colorado, as discussed at the July meeting. This resolution gives residents that live within the Town’s flood plain the ability to get insurance. This resolution will be combined with the prior resolution to make one document.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve Resolution 2013-3, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
10. North Fork 20/20
Dustyn Foster did not have a report. Alexis Halbert, Heart and Soul Project Coordinator, was present and gave a report. Ms. Halbert told the Trustees that Heart and Soul has six months left of the two year grant period. They have talked to the North Fork Valley citizens and feel they have a good handle on what the citizens want for the future.

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10. (continued) There are three workshops coming up and Heart and Soul will sponsor one person from the Trustee or Planning Board to attend the Downtown Colorado, Inc. in Grand Junction on September 11th – 13th. Second, the Heart and Soul project team will be attending final training with the Orton Foundation in Golden, CO on September 11th – 13th. And the final workshop is a Community Summit on October 25th and 26th.
11. Carrie Coats, Hotchkiss K-8 Principal, invited the Trustees and the community to the Back to School BBQ on August 27th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
12. Downtown Improvements Update
Tom Wills said the flowers are looking great. They have received three picnic tables and they will be placed around Town in the next few weeks. The repainting of the entrance sign on 6th and HWY 92 is almost complete.
13. Enhancement Trails Project Update
Engineer Fagan asked the Trustees to approve, by motion, the submittal of the grant application to DOLA or matching funds for the trail project.
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the submittal of the grant application to DOLA, seconded by Lindee Cantrell. The motion passed with Georgia Hopper voting against the motion.
Engineer Fagan told the Trustees that CDOT wants a schedule the Town can stick to. The IGA is still being worked on. Purchasing of property for the trail project would put the Town in a bad position with CDOT, since it was not in our original plans.
14. Delta County Housing Authority
Georgia Hopper said there was not a meeting held.
15. Hotchkiss Planning Commission
Tom Wills told the Trustees the Planning Commission is working on the final sign code regulations, the Annexation policy, and the Downtown and HWY improvement plan.
There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission; Mary Hockenbery's last meeting will be August 28th.
16. Leroux Creek Planning
Carrie Wingfield said there was not a meeting held.
17. Five Minute Public Hearing
Joanne Tullis asked the Trustees if they would want the section of Cedar Street that adjoins her property. She will give the property to the Town as long as there is no cost to her. Mike Owens and Engineer Fagan said this would be good for the Town. The Trustees will study the proposal and let Ms. Tullis know their decision.
Kathy Browning told the Trustees she is having her house painted California Sable (brown and tan).
Joanne Tullis thanked the Trustees for their support of the Creative Coalition.
18. Department Reports
Mike Owens told the Trustees that the Public Works crew has been cutting weeds. He said the Town needs a new brush hog. The water plant testing is about complete and the testing looks good so far.
The new meters are all in and the contractor will install a check valve on Rogers Mesa's meter in October.
The County will be in Town to do some paving. Mike would like to work on 6th Street and Thompson Ct.

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18. (continued) Marshal Miller reported fair week went well. The new entrance helped with the traffic on HWY 92. Mayor Koontz, Deputy Lloyd, Deputy Shaklee and Marshal Miller will attend hazmat training on August 24th.
19. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce
Tom Wills reported the communication system is installed at the visitor center. The Silver Ghost car tour will be in Town on September 22nd. The annual craft fair will be November 11th at Memorial Hall. Tom reported there are still mosquito's around; the season is not over.
20. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz reminded the Trustees that the HHS Student Government will be at the September Town meeting. Mayor Koontz asked the Trustees if they would like to support two (2) \$ 500.00 Scholarships for HHS; one male and one female student. This scholarship would apply to any type of continuing education. There would be an application and the committee would be made up of a Town staff member, a Town Police Officer, a Town Trustee and HHS staff.
Georgia Hopper moved to affirm two \$500 scholarships for HHS, seconded by Carrie Wingfield. The motion passed with Lindee Cantrell abstaining.
Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Wingfield, Deputy Shaklee and Clerk Searle will be on the scholarship committee. Attorney Briscoe stated there will be some additional items to work out.
Mayor Koontz asked about setting a work session in October with Bruce Bertram for on oil and gas drilling update.
CML is having their Region 10 meeting September 23rd at Bill Heddles.
On the morning of October 19th there will be a Zombie Run on Hotchkiss Avenue. Talk to Carrie Coats, Sundee Shoemaker or Leslie Sparks for information.
Kids Pasta Project will be at PJ's Pub on August 18th, NF Mosquito meeting on September 9th, and K-8 back to school BBQ August 27th.
21. Town Clerk Report
Sammy Henderson is back to college; she did a good job for the Clerk's office this summer. Deputy Clerk Tami Smith is having shoulder surgery and will be off a few days.
22. Upcoming Events
Coal Conference at the Creamery Arts on their Friday Night Open House
NF Elk Foundation Fund Raiser 8/16
Hotchkiss Planning meeting 8/28
Next Trustee meeting 9/12
Mike Owens told the Trustees that James Quagliano, volunteer for police and public works, is in the hospital in Denver battling cancer.
23. Engineer Fagan told the Trustees that Peterson Excavation would like formal action taken to Suspend his contract. He has completed the installation of the meters and will return in September or October to install a check valve on the Rogers Mesa meter.
Carrie Wingfield moved to suspend Peterson Excavations contract with the Town starting 8/15/13 until he returns to place the check valve on the Rogers Mesa's meter, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
24. Consideration of Bills
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the bills, seconded by Georgia Hopper, with all in favor.
25. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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