

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

November 14, 2013

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Dustyn Foster, Georgia Hopper, Marlin McCracken, Carrie Wingfield, James Roberts, and Lindee Cantrell.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for October 10, 2013
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the minutes for October 10, 2013 as presented, seconded by Georgia Hopper, with all in favor.
4. Public Hearings
Tullis Boundary Adjustment
Joanne Tullis presented the boundary adjustment plat. The boundary between the two properties will be adjusted to the east, making the parcels 2 acres and 2.14 acres. There is also a 40 foot easement on each side of the property line for preservation of trees.
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the Tullis Boundary Adjustment, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
5. Zoning Review – Nicholas Lambrakos, Elite Autoworks
Mr. Lambrakos is purchasing the property at 180 1st Street for an auto repair shop. The business will be open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He is building a waiting room on the south side of the building.
Hotchkiss Planning recommended approval with the following conditions; a privacy fence to be built on the north side, remove and dispose of hazarderous waste properly, install fire extinguishers and screen the dumpster.
Comments;
 1. Mike Owens is concerned about parking of vehicles on the street,
 2. need businesses in Town,
 3. the building codes will apply,Georgia Hopper moved to approve the zoning review for Mr. Lambrakos with the conditions recommend by Hotchkiss Planning, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
6. Special Events Liquor License Permit
Spirit Wind Horse Rescue is requesting a Special Events Liquor permit for December 7th for 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Church of Art, 188 1st Street, for a fund raiser.
They will have the doors monitored and will have signs advising attendees of the liquor laws.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the Special Events Liquor Permit for Spirit Wind Horse Rescue, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
7. Creative Coalition Update
Susie Kaldis and Joanne Tullis gave the Trustees a written update on the accomplishments of 2013. They also reported the planned activities for 2014.
8. Donations
The Trustees tabled the donation request from Center of Mental Health – no one was present from the organization.
North Fork Children’s Christmas Party – the Town Clerk gave a report.
Carrie Wingfield moved to donate \$ 200, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
9. Liquor License Renewal
James Roberts moved to approve the renewal for City Market, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, will all in favor.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the renewal for Mahalo Beverage dba Tri-R Liquor, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
Dustyn Foster moved to approve the renewal for Creamery Arts Center, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.

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10. Dog Ordinance Amendment
Attorney Briscoe gave the Trustees several options to consider and asked the Trustees to contact the Town Clerk or him with their preference. He will present an ordinance amendment at the December meeting.
11. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Mayor Koontz and Carrie Wingfield attended a meeting on 10/29/13 of the North Fork Alternative Plan. NF Alternative Plan will be sending a draft resource management plan to BLM by the end of the year. Mayor Koontz said some of the items in the plan will benefit Hotchkiss and the Town needs to submit a comment letter.
12. NF 20/20
Dustyn Forster did not have a report. Tom Wills said the mini grants were awarded. Downtown Improvements received a \$1,500 grant.
13. Enhancement Trails Project Update
Engineer Fagan reported she received information from CDOT stating the Town will have to comply with the Brooke's Act. This act requires that the surveyor and environmental engineer be hired on qualifications only. The Town would not know the cost until after they were hired. This could cause the project cost to increase significantly. The Trustees had a lengthy discussion on this issue. The Town can proceed with the "Leonard Trail" with only Town money.
Carrie Wingfield moved to return CDOT and DOLA funding and proceed with the Town money on a three year plan with the Public Works crew and Town hired contractors, seconded by Lindee Cantrell. The motion passed with Georgia Hopper voting against.
Engineer Fagan asked the Trustees if they want her to proceed with grant applications for sewer line replacement. The Trustees authorized Engineer Fagan to move forward.
14. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
Georgia Hopper told the Trustees that the housing authority is completing the 32 apartment complex in Delta for low income families. They also have low interest rate loans for home buyers.
15. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills reported they are working on the sign ordinance. The November and December meetings have be canceled, unless they need a meeting.
16. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Carrie Wingfield reported there was not a meeting.
17. Five Minute Public Appearance
None
18. Department Reports
Mike Owens asked if there were questions on his written report. There were none. Mike asked the Trustees if Public Works could remove the tree next to the flag pole. The Trustees approved. The water treatment plant is doing well.
Mike asked for volunteers to work on an implementation plan for Source Water. Mayor Koontz and Dustyn Foster volunteered to help.

Marshal Miller asked if there were questions on this written report. There were none. Marshal Miller stated that Santa will be at the Firehouse on December 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He reported Halloween went well.

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19. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce Update
Tom Wills reported the following were selected at the annual meeting;
Mary Hockenbery received Citizen of the Year,
Big B's received Business of the Year, and
Hotchkiss/Crawford Historical Society received Non Profit of the Year.
November 23rd are the craft sales at the Senior Center and Memorial Hall, and Chocolate and Cheer at the Creamery Arts Center.

20. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz reported an accident with the Town sweeper and Megean Morlang's parked car. The sweeper is under the governmental immunity law and CIRSA will not cover the damage. The Mayor suggested that Ms. Morlang turn in a claim to her insurance and the Town pay her deductible and rent her a car until the car is repaired.
The Trustees authorized Mayor Koontz, Carrie Wingfield, Town Clerk and Attorney Briscoe to work with Ms. Morlang on this issue.
James Roberts moved to pay for a rental car and any other expenses incurred not covered by her insurance, seconded by Lindee Cantrell with all in favor.

Mayor Koontz said that Bruce Bertram will meet with the Trustees in early 2014 to discuss gas and oil in Delta County.
Mayor Koontz reminded the scholarship committee to be working toward that goal.
He reported the Zombie Run went well and he took second place in his age class.
Mayor Koontz attended a National Forest Service summit. They are working on 2 areas of the State to restore.

21. Town Clerk Report
The Clerk reminded the Trustees that there will be a work session in early December for a final review of the 2014 budget.
Attorney Briscoe's retirement party will be December 14th at the Creamery Arts Center.

22. Upcoming Events
Craft Sales 11/23
Town Hall Closed 11/28 & 29
HHS Band, Drama Club and Choir at HHS 12/11
Creamery Arts Open House 11/15

23. Consideration of Bills
Carrie Wingfield moved to pay all bills, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.

24. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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