

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

October 10, 2013

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, James Roberts, Dustyn Foster, Georgia Hopper and Lindee Cantrell. Marlin McCracken was not present.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the minutes for September 12, 2013 as presented, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
4. **Public Hearing – Tullis Minor Subdivision**
Joanne Tullis told the Trustees she is splitting the property at 553 Cedar into two lots, Lot #1 with the house and Lot #2 is vacant land. Lot # 1 is accessed from Cedar Drive and Lot #2 is accessed from Cottonwood Lane. She is donating the section of Cedar Street to the Town. Mayor Koontz asked about an easement for water and electric lines. Surveyor Toni Chatto said she had made notes showing the domestic water line to the Cambria property and the Town's water line on Cottonwood Lane. The water line to Cambria's is not a recorded easement. They spoke with DMEA and were told they need an easement from Parcel #1 to Parcel #2 for electric. Mike Owens said they need a minimum of a twenty foot easement for water and sewer from Cottonwood.
One resident asked if Lot #2 was being sold as agricultural or residential and if downed trees were going to be removed. Ms. Tullis said that the use would be determined by the buyer, and that at this time she had no plans to remove the trees.
Attorney Briscoe recommended an easement for electric on the north or south side of Parcel #1 is on this plat for Trustees to approve.
Georgia Hopper moved to approve the minor subdivision with the following condition; a twenty foot electric easement is added to the plat and that Parcel #1 be designated as the 10% open space requirement, seconded by Dustyn Foster, with all in favor.
5. Tammy Smith, school board member, was present to encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming election. She has served on the board for four years and is running for reelection. She spoke on Amendment 66, a tax for school funding.
6. Steve Weist, Oxbow Mining, reported that 24 holes have been drilled at Oak Mesa and they have found two mineable seams. They are requesting drilling of two additional holes in this area from BLM. Mr. Weist reported there is a current downturn in the coal market, so everyone is in a "wait and see" mode. The holes that have been drilled have been reclaimed and they will be reseeded next week. Mayor Koontz thanked Mr. Weist for the update and working with the Town on the Source Water Management plan.
7. **Delta County Economic Development**
Brad Harding, Sarah Carlquist and John Gavin were present to update the Trustees on their activities. They are working, through grants, to help the miners that have been laid off. Brad Harding reported they are leading an effort to get broadband in Delta County. John Gavin reported fiber optic placement on the substations in the County was approved DMEA. The communities will have to fund the expense of getting broadband into their Towns. DCED will meet with all the Town's and the County to assist in the progress of broadband. The Trustees set a work session with DCED for November 12th at 6:00 p.m. They are also working on high selenium content in our rivers; working with CU on the Rural Tract Medical Program to educate health care professionals and keeping them within the community. Mr. Harding reported the financial status of DCED is good. Mayor Koontz invited Tammy Smith to the work session with DCED. Joanne Tullis, NF Creative District, told DCED they support the broadband program.
8. **Donation Request**
Hotchkiss Community Dinners, Larry Jakubiak is requesting a donation for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. They will be held at the Senior Citizens lunch site.
Lindee Cantrell moved to donate \$ 500, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

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9. E-911 Resolution 2013-4
Mayor Koontz told the Trustees that Sheriff McKee was at the Quarterly Municipal meeting and asked the Towns to increase E-911 fees from .70 cents to \$1.00 on all telephones and cell phones. They are in need of updated equipment and personnel. Marshal Miller supports the request.
Carrie Wingfield moved to adopt Resolution 2013-4 to increase the E-911 charge, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
10. Mayor Koontz reminded the Trustees of the budget work session on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
11. BLM Resource Management Update
Attorney Briscoe said he had no new information. October 10th at Memorial Hall the Western Slope Conservation group is having a meeting to discuss the BLM plan.
12. North Fork 20/20
Dustyn Foster had no new information.
Tom Wills reported they are sponsoring the Community Summit on October 25th and 26th.
13. Downtown Improvement Update
Tom Wills reported they are seeking a grant for \$3,000 from Heart and Soul. If they receive the grant it will be used for the billboard at the park next to NF Valley Restaurant.
Mary Hockenbery reported she has completed her budget for the flowers downtown. The budget increased some for purchase of paint for the art classes at all schools. They will be painting on buildings in Town, with owner approval. She is receiving funding from the Hotchkiss Fine Arts and is requesting donations from Heart and Soul and the Cocker Kids Foundation.
The Town donated an air brush and Mike Owens suggested the stem walls at Willow Heights Park could be painted.
14. Enhancement Trails Update
Engineer Fagan told the Trustees that DOLA has not met about grants; they are in eastern Colorado working with the flood victims. Maybe in a few weeks they will get back to the grant program.
Engineer Fagan and Mike Owens met with CDOT for a scoping meeting for the "Leonard Trail" and the bridge crossing. CDOT wants a more definitive plan in place before the IGA is completed. Engineer Fagan and staff prepared cost estimates for two project scopes. This is called an A/B scope and the Town bids both projects and decides which project to complete depending on money available. Project Scope A would include the full project from City Market to River Ridge Road. Project Scope B would be the "Leonard Trail" from the current trail to 7th Street.
Carrie Wingfield moved to authorize Engineer Fagan to proceed with an IGA with CDOT for Phase II the "Leonard Trail", seconded by Lindee Cantrell. The motion passed with Georgia Hopper voting against.
15. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
Georgia Hopper reported there will be a meeting on November 11th. The 2014 budget does include funding for rehab of two homes at \$ 250 each.
16. Planning Commission
Tom Wills reported the September meeting was a work session, because there was not a quorum. They reviewed the Tullis Minor Subdivision and saw no problems.
They are finishing the Annexation Policy and should forward it to the Trustees soon.
The Commission is still working on the sign code and the downtown improvement plan.
The Planning meeting on October 23rd will review a zoning change request.
17. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Carrie Wingfield reported that was not a meeting.

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18. Department Reports
Marshal Miller reported that next week Deputy Shaklee will be at training and Deputy Lloyd will be on vacation.
The department is gearing up for Zombie Run, Halloween and the Santa program.
Mike Owens reported the water plant project is complete. The water meter replacement is complete except for the check valve on Rogers Mesa meter.
Engineer Fagan requested a change order of \$ 4,500 for Peterson Excavation to complete the check valve installation on the meter for Rogers Mesa.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the change order for Peterson Excavation for \$ 4,500, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
Mayor Koontz asked if there is any change in usage with the new meter installation. Mike said there is not enough data yet.
Mike reported that paving is complete on Bridge Street from 6th to 7th Street project and 6th Street from HWY 92 to City Market.
19. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce Update
Tom Wills reported the Rolls Royce club was in Town on September 22nd. The meal was moved to PJ's Pub from the fairgrounds due to weather.
The Chamber annual meeting will be at Memorial Hall on November 12th.
20. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz reported the Town hosted the Quarterly Municipal meeting on September 19th. All of the Town's, All Points Transit, VOA, DCED, Delta County Memorial Hospital and the Delta County Sheriff department were present. All present were concerned about declining revenues for 2014. The subject of the Montessori school being combined with Crawford K-5 was discussed. Mayor Koontz would like to see something at the Montessori building if the change is made.
Mayor Koontz asked the Trustees about having a work session with Bruce Bertram to get an update on the oil and gas. They will have a work session in January or February.
There is a planning commission seat open.
Mayor Koontz thanked the North Fork Mosquito Abatement District for the good job they did this summer.
Mayor Koontz said his thoughts and prayers go out to the Oxbow Coal mine employees that were laid off.
He reminded those on the scholarship committee to meet with the Town Clerk.
21. Town Clerk Report
The Clerk told the Trustees that school board president, Pete Blair, thanked the Trustees for the September meeting with the student government of HHS and inviting him to attend.

Attorney Briscoe asked the Trustees if they wanted him to address the dog ordinance concerning the two/three dog limit. The Trustees asked Attorney Briscoe to look it over and advise them at the November meeting.
22. Upcoming Events
Softball Regional's this weekend
School Fall Break next week
Creamery Art's Open Reception 10/11
North Fork Barn Tour 10/12
Cross Country – Montrose this weekend
23. James Roberts approved the bills, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
24. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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