

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

April 6, 2017

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Hotchkiss High School (HHS). HHS student body president Nolan Egging read a quote from Abraham Lincoln and Mayor Koontz read a quote from John F. Kennedy. Those present were Jim Roberts, Mary Hockenbery, Lindee Cantrell and Tom Wills. Absent were Larry Jakubiak and John Marta.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introduction of HHS Student Government
The HHS Student Government present were; Nolan Egging, Parker Katzdorn, Morgan Miller, Colton Hall and Jordan Tamayo.
4. Minutes for March 23, 2017
Tom Wills wanted clarification on item number 12, line 4 that the piece of land that Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) was interested in was on Sanitation Treatment Plant property.
Tom also wanted to clarify that the open house for the Master Plan Survey has been changed to May and will not be held on April 26.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the minutes for March 23 with the above noted changes. Tom Wills seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
5. HHS Good News
The HHS Student Government brought T-shirts for all of the Trustees present.
The Freshmen Class is currently doing P.A.R.K. testing.
Track will be having their fourth meet on Saturday.
The Baseball Team has only lost two games so far this season.
The Delta County School District Superintendent Caryn Gibson had a special presentation for HHS Principal Mr. Matt Rodriguez and Assistant Principal Mr. Doug Egging. HHS has received the Governors Distinguished Improvement Award and received a banner and a certificate from the Governor's Office. HHS is one of four schools in the District to receive this prestigious award.
Mr. Rodriguez noted that 6 students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Monday night.
6. 2017 Town of Hotchkiss and Community Scholarship Presentation
Mayor Wendell Koontz presented the male and female Town of Hotchkiss Scholarship winners with the Scholarship Awards for volunteerism. The male recipient is Parker Katzdorn who will be going to the School of Mines to study Mechanical Engineering. The female recipient is Lacey Rodriguez who will be going to Mesa University to study nursing.

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7. Dr. John Marchino, K-8 Principal-K-8 Update
Dr. Marchino updated the Trustees on things that are happening at the Hotchkiss K-8 School. The Spring Fling will be held on April 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Spring Fling is the yearly fundraiser that the school hosts. There will be several items to raffle off and he encouraged everyone to attend.
Hotchkiss K-8 is applying for a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant to redo the playground equipment since the current equipment is not safe for the children. The grant requires a match of 25% and they are looking for support. Mayor Koontz said that the Town would provide a letter of support once they are ready for it.
8. Dr. Ryan Marlin-Delta County Memorial Hospital (DCMH) Update
Dr. Marlin said that he has been here for 8 1/2 years and is currently working out of Dr. Huene's Office until the new clinic is complete. The new clinic is being built on Hotchkiss Avenue and will be 10,000 square feet and will be called the West Elk Clinic. It will have 13 exam rooms and will have six doctors working out of it with Specialists coming in to work also and will serve over 10,000 people in this area. The fourth provider for the new clinic has been hired and they will be hiring two more Nurse Practitioners as well.

DCMH is hopeful that the building will be completed the first part of July and they will move in during the month of August. DCMH has also purchased a building in Paonia and will be putting in an Urgent Care within the next couple of months that will be open after hours and on the weekends.
9. Farm to Fiddle Festival Update
The Farm to Fiddle Festival will be held August 10 and 11, the last two days of Fair Week, and this year will also include an Outdoors Expo.
10. Colorado Main Street Update
None given.
11. Nature Connection-Anita Evans
Anita Evans said that the Nature Connection has been around for 25 years and is a nonprofit part of the School District that makes it possible for kids to get outdoors and enjoy the many benefits that the outdoors offer from biking, to skiing, to camping and much more. The Nature Connection includes Delta County as well as Olathe.
The Nature Connection has applied for and received a GOCO Inspire Grant and the planning phase is close to completion.
Anita has requested that the Town place the Nature Connection in the Budget and put aside \$500 for the next three years as a contribution to match funds for the next grant that they will receive from GOCO which could be in the amount of \$1.3 to \$1.5 million with \$2.2 million being the cost to complete the plans that they are working on overall.

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12. **Ordinance 2017-01 Amending the Water Tap Fees (Emergency Ordinance)**
Tom Wills asked for clarification regarding the wording and the base fee rate. Attorney Nerlin said that the Ordinance is worded according to the Town Statutes.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve Ordinance 2017-01, an Ordinance of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado amending section 13-2-14 and section 13-3-5 of the Town of Hotchkiss Municipal Code establishing domestic water service rates as an emergency. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
13. **Pro Bono Legal Services Independent Contractor Contract Review and Possible Approval**
Attorney Nerlin explained that the agreement is in compliance with the State Statute change and explained the agreement to the Board.
Tom Wills moved to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement to be entered this 6th day of April 2017 by and between the Town of Hotchkiss, a Colorado statutory Town and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (the "Town") and William Fritsche ("Contractor"). Mary Hockenbery seconded and it passed with all in favor.
14. **DMEA-Memorandum of Understanding**
Attorney Nerlin explained that this agreement with DMEA/Elevate Fiber does not restrict or bind the Town in any way and says that at this time the Town is not a provider for the service.
Jim Roberts moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Hotchkiss, a Colorado Statutory Town and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (the "Town"), and Delta Montrose Electric Association, a Colorado Cooperative Association ("DMEA"). DMEA is a facilities-based local electric service provider in Montrose, Colorado.
Tom Wills seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
15. **Five Minute Public Appearance**
None.
16. **Master Plan Survey Update**
Tom Wills said that they had surveys available at the Farm to Fiddle fundraiser and told the Board that they were now available on line as well at the Town of Hotchkiss website. He will continue to distribute them at different events throughout the summer. Mary Hockenbery said that she distributed some at the music and art club meeting.
17. **North Fork Valley Creative Coalition Update**
Mary Hockenbery said that she did not attend the meeting this month but she knows that they are working with the new DCMH clinic to have some art work hung there when it opens.
18. **Town Engineer Report**
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that Engineer Fagan is working on the water tank project and they are planning to start work on it in 2018.

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19. Downtown Improvement Update
Mary Hockenbery said that they are moving the planters and getting volunteers.
20. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
None given.
21. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Tom Wills said that the next meeting is next week and the Bone Mesa Subdivision by Darold and Christy Hawk is on the agenda.
22. Department Reports
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that the 450,000 gallon tank is about 2/3 full and the Inland Potable divers did some repairs in the 1,000,000 gallon tank. Turbidity is rising with the Spring runoff. The Consumer Confidence Reports are available at the Town Hall.

Marshal Miller said that they will be starting their busy season in May and are continuing with education.
23. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills said that the Master Plan Surveys are available to fill out. The Planning meeting in April will include property owners with land use questions.
24. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
None
25. Mayor's Report
Mark Kurtz with DMEA/Elevate Fiber said that work will begin in Hotchkiss soon. DMEA will host an Open House at the Hotchkiss High School on June 16.
26. Town Clerk Report
None
27. Upcoming Events/Schedule
April 27th-State Patrol Presentation at HHS
April 29th-Prom
April 21st-Spring Fling at Hotchkiss K-8
May 8th-Highway Clean Up 8:00-11:30 a.m.
May 11th-HHS Awards Ceremony
May 12-14-Hotchkiss Sheep Dog Camp Trials
May 21st-Graduation

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28. New Business
None
29. Possible Items for the Next Agenda
Street Lights Discussion at 2nd Street and Orchard
30. Consideration of Bills
Lindee Cantrell moved to pay all bills as presented. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
31. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk