

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

February 12, 2015

1. Mayor Pro Tem, Carrie Wingfield, opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Those Present were Larry Jakubiak, Dustyn Foster, Jim Roberts and Tom Wills. Mayor Wendell Koontz and Trustee Lindee Cantrell were not present.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for 01/08/15
Jim Roberts moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Wills with all in favor.
4. Special Events Liquor License
Bob Kapus from the Hotchkiss Elks Lodge BPOE #1807 talked about the Special Event that is happening at the Elks Lodge on February 14. They will be serving a pork loin dinner cooked by Kenny and Theresa Burns and after dinner they will have a candy auction with the auctioneering being done by John Cunningham. Dinner is \$17.00 per person. They are also holding a raffle to auction off a Browning Rifle and a .38 Special Revolver that is perfect for Concealed Carry. Larry Jakubiak moved to approve the Special Events Liquor License for the Hotchkiss Elks Lodge BPOE #1807. The motion was seconded by Jim Roberts and was approved with all in favor.
5. Liquor License Renewal
The Trustees reviewed the liquor license renewal for Johnnydog, LLC (PJ's Pub). Marshal Miller said that there have not been any problems. Trustee Larry Jakubiak moved to renew the Liquor License for Johnnydog, LLC, Tom Wills seconded the motion with all in favor.
6. Donation Request
Joyce Smith and her son, Alex, were present to request a donation for the HHS Grad Night Party. They will be using the money for Sumo Wrestler Costumes from Grand Junction, an ice cream machine and various other prizes and activities for the HHS graduating seniors. The party will go until 4:00 a.m. and will have lots of food and fun for the graduates. Subway will also be donating food for the party. The Town of Hotchkiss has donated \$150.00 in the past to the Hotchkiss Grad Night Party.
Tom Wills moved that the Town of Hotchkiss donate \$150.00 to the HHS Grad Night Party. The motion was seconded by Larry Jakubiak and passed with all in favor.
7. Street Closure Request
Linda and Drake Welch's son, Brandon, represented DuckWorks Auto Parts to ask the Town for permission to close 3rd Street between Bridge Street and the alley in conjunction with Taco Hut. They would like to close the street on March 13, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a customer appreciation event. They will be offering hamburgers and Taco Hut will be offering tacos and other various items from their menu. They have been doing this for the last 21 years and are looking forward to doing it again this year. Brandon mentioned that they would like to use the cones from the Town to block off the street.
Jim Roberts moved that the street closure be approved for March 13, 2015 from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tom Wills seconded and it was passed with all in favor.
8. North Fork Valley Creative Coalition Update
Mary Simmons spoke of behalf of the Creative Coalition. Mary stated that they are going to adopt one of the planters on Bridge Street to take care of. Mary also stated that they are currently searching for a new director and she apologized for the past director's comments in the article in the CML magazine. The Creative Coalition is planning on staying involved in the community and has many ideas they would like to share.
9. Ordinance 2015-2 Water and Sewer Tap Ordinance Amendment
Attorney Bo Nerlin advised that after the Ordinance Amendment went out, he received comments back from Trustee Tom Wills on some revisions that Tom felt should be made. The changes were written off to the side of the Ordinance. Attorney Nerlin said that Tom had hit on some good things and he advised that it would be best to clean up the Amendment a little more

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9. (cont.) and plan to have the first reading at the meeting in March. Trustee Larry Jakubiak said that he appreciated the Amendment that Attorney Nerlin presented and would have voted to pass it tonight. In addition, Larry Jakubiak stated that he felt that the two Board members that were absent should be able to be involved in the discussion before anything was decided. Trustee Larry Jakubiak also stated that he would not be in favor of some of the revisions suggested by Trustee Tom Wills. Mayor Pro Tem, Carrie Wingfield, agreed that Attorney Nerlin's version would have been fine the way it was originally presented. Trustee Tom Wills said that he sent the revision suggestions after he received the digital copy since it was easier to work with it that way. Attorney Nerlin stated that he would need any more comments on the Ordinance Amendment at least a week before the meeting and not just two days before. Trustee Larry Jakubiak stated that the comments should be on the original Amendment and not on the revisions.
It was decided that the Amendment to the Ordinance will be introduced as a first reading at the March Board Meeting.
10. Enhancement Trails Project
There was no report given.
11. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Fagan reported that the DOLA application for the funding needed for the sewer upgrade is in the approval process. Attorney Nerlin reported on the conference call that Engineer Fagan, Town Clerk Searle, and Attorney Nerlin had with the Bond Attorney Tom Peltz and the Town Auditor Pete Blair. The conference call was to discuss the funding for the sewer project. Bank of the West is the holder of a loan that we currently have and there is not much hope of them accepting parity to DOLA. The current balance of the loan is approximately \$425,000 at the current interest rate of 4.115%. The options are to take out another loan to pay off Bank of the West or to use the Water Enterprise Fund and pay off the Bank of the West. The Sanitation Fund will pay the Water Enterprise Fund back with interest. Doing an inter fund loan will save the larger interest rate and will also save the closing cost fees. Pete Blair stated that the Water Enterprise Fund can support the loan without any problems. Attorney Nerlin recommended the Town do the inter fund loan after the conference call and speaking to Bond Attorney Peltz and Town Auditor Blair.
Trustee Larry Jakubiak moved that Attorney Nerlin draft an ordinance for the inter fund loan between Sanitation Fund and the Water Enterprise Fund to pay off the balance left at Bank of the West and to retain the Bond Attorney Tom Peltz as Bond Council for the loan from the Colorado Water Resource and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA). Tom Wills seconded and the vote passed with all in favor.
Attorney Nerlin said that he would prepare an ordinance for the March meeting to be considered for the adoption of the inter fund loan.
Trustee Larry Jakubiak moved to have Attorney Nerlin draw up an agreement and resolution for the inter fund loan. Jim Roberts seconded and the vote passed with all in favor.
12. Sanitation Line Upgrade Update
Engineer Fagan reported that the affluent lines work on the sewer requires 6 inch lines but she thinks that the Health Department will give the Town a variance.
13. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Trustee Tom Wills attended the meeting in Paonia regarding Bull Mountain. Bull Mountain is a project going on about 25 miles from Paonia.
Trustee Tom Wills moved to write a letter of support for Bull Mountain with enhanced due diligence in regards to the waste water ponds, seconded by Dustin Foster. The motion passed with Trustee Jim Roberts voting against.
Reporter Kathy Browning asked the Board how they could vote to support this when the document is 750 pages and they have not all read it. Trustee Larry Jakubiak stated that the opinion of another Trustee and the Mayor is valued and they would trust it.
14. Downtown Improvements Discussion

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14. (cont.) Mary Simmons talked about the planters in Town. They have mapped where all of the planters are and have made a digital file of them. Trustee Tom Wills talked about the wooden flowers that will be made to place in the planters in the winter to add color to the Town. Tom also talked about the K-8 Shop class wanting to help create the flowers and said that they will talk to the High School Art teacher to see if she is interested in helping with the project. Mary Simmons also suggested that if the Fire Department was agreeable, it would be nice to have them spray the flowers with their water truck on the days that they have trainings. Mayor Pro Tem, Carrie Wingfield, said that she would talk to the Fire Chief, Doug Fritz, and see what he had to say about it.
15. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
Trustee Larry Jakubiak attended the meeting for the Housing Task Force this morning and met the new director, she came from Moffat County and used to run the Food Program there. Larry said that they toured The Bluffs II and they are very nice. Larry also said that they will start renting them out in March when the asphalt is complete. Larry also stated that if there is a Town staff member here in Town that would like to live in Delta, they should contact the new director for more information on The Bluffs II. Larry also stated that Jo Rosenquist would like the Town Clerk to email her the information about the number of housing projects the Town of Hotchkiss could support and the dollar amount of the support. The number of projects is 2 at \$250.00 each.
16. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Trustee Tom Wills said that he authored the minutes for the Planning Meeting and that the last meeting was mostly a work session. Planning Commission chairperson, Sharon Schmidt, said that there was some confusion about the fire hydrants in the trailer park where the mobile home burned in December and wondered where they were located and if we had enough. Public Works Director, Mike Owens, stated that there were enough hydrants around that area and that putting a fire hydrant directly in the park would cause a hazard since the fire engines needed direct access and they are so big that they would not be able to move around in the trailer park.
17. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Mayor Pro Tem, Carrie Wingfield, attended a meeting last month and Trustee Tom Wills attended the Master Planning meeting last night. Tom reported that Robbie LeValley is revising the Master Plan and should have it completed by this time next year. The current plan is 19 years old and they will be looking at addressing growth areas and changes.
18. Five Minute Public Appearance
There were no appearances.
19. Department Reports
Marshal Miller asked if there were any questions on his report. He did add that CIRSA was here and the inspection went well. Trustee Larry Jakubiak asked about the Reserve Officer Program. Marshal Miller explained that each Reserve Officer had to be POST certified and the program was a way to keep their training and hours to stay certified.
Trustee Tom Wills brought up a concern about the One Way sign being taken down in the alley behind the Hotchkiss Short Stop. Public Works Director, Mike Owens said that the sign came down because of the blockages of the alley from deliveries to the businesses. Mike also stated that the One Way sign was originally put in place because of the drive thru window that was there when it was a liquor store. Tom stated that it is a blind stop there and he is concerned that there will be an accident because of someone leaving and not seeing an oncoming car.
Public Works Director, Mike Owens, reported that the Public Works crew have completed a French drain on Park Drive in conjunction with the County and that the road had to be built up about 2 feet.
The sander has been ordered.
The Public Works crew also completed the piping of the ditch on Lorah Avenue so that it is not open any more.
There were no further questions for the Marshal or the Public Works Director.

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20. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
Mary Hockenbery was absent from this meeting. Trustee Tom Wills said that the Chamber primarily talked about the Bull Mountain Project.
21. Mayor's Report
Mayor Wendell Koontz was absent from the meeting.
22. Town Clerk Report
None
23. Upcoming Events/Schedule
Elks Dinner and Candy Auction 2/14/15
Creamery Arts Wine and Chocolate Festival 2/13/15
Art of Heart project 2/13/15
24. New Business
Marshal Dan Miller reported that the Town Hall phone system was going bad and asked for permission to replace it. The phone company was able to temporarily fix the problem with an old card that they found. The main problem is that line 1 is always full of static and it is hard to hear anyone on the other end of the line. Marshal Miller said that for \$1500.00 he could replace the current phone system with one that is 10 years old, has the capability to support 32 lines, has a 120 day warranty and comes with voicemail as well as caller ID. Marshal Miller stated that the funds could come from the Capital Funds Project for improving the Town Hall and Police Department.
Jim Roberts moved to authorize \$1500.00 to replace the phone system, seconded by Larry Jakubiak with all in favor.
25. Consideration of Bills
Tom Wills moved to pay the bills for the month, seconded by Larry Jakubiak with all in favor.
26. Adjournment
Larry Jakubiak moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Jim Roberts with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk