

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

September 14, 2017

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. with two quotes one from Herbert Hoover and one from Theodore Roosevelt. Those present were Mary Hockenbery, Jim Roberts, John Marta, Lindee Cantrell and Tom Wills.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for August 17 and August 31, 2017
Tom Wills wanted to add clarification of the August 17, 2017 minutes. In paragraph #7, item #2 that it would be the fixture that would be lowered not the light pole itself. He also wanted a note added for historical purposes that in paragraph #9 it was a renewal of the lease for the West Elk Mine and that the decrease from 8% to 5% of the royalty payment would only be in the areas of the mine that it is more difficult to get the coal out of. Mining those areas is more expensive since the coal is harder to get to.
Tom Wills moved to approve the amended minutes for August 17, 2017. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
Jim Roberts moved to approve the minutes for August 31, 2017. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
4. New Trustee-Review/Possible Appointment
Mayor Wendell Koontz asked all of the citizens interested in the vacant Trustee position to tell the Board a little about themselves. Larry Wilkening, Patrick Webb and Matthew Kottenstette were present. Matthew withdrew his name from the running. Patricia Medina and Sheila Maki were not present. Sheila also requested to be withdrawn from the running.
Attorney Bo Nerlin said that this vote was to be handled like any other agenda item under normal procedure. There can be no straw pulling or executive session to make the decision.
Tom Will said that he supported Patricia Medina. She is a business owner and has many contacts in the community.
Jim Roberts was in support of Patrick Webb and John Marta said he was in support of Larry Wilkening.
Tom Wills moved to approve Patricia Medina to fill the Trustee position vacated by Larry Jakubiak. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the vote was approved with John Marta not voting. Pat Medina will be sworn in at the October 12 meeting.
5. Mahalo Beverages, LLC (Tri-R Liquor) Modification/Building Addition
Kathy and Todd Sabatke were present to ask the Board to approve a 10' x 20' addition to their liquor store to add much needed storage. They have owned Tri-R Liquors for 26 years.
Attorney Nerlin saw no problems with this addition.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the building addition to the Tri-R Liquors building. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

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6. **Liquor License Renewal-Tucker Ray, LLC**
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Tucker Ray, LLC. Tom Wills seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

7. **Donation Request-Hope West in Delta County**
Nancy Hovde said that Hope West provided care for 8 hospice patients and did bereavement counseling for 2 Adults in the Town of Hotchkiss over the last year. Hope West is a non profit organization that currently has 150 active volunteers. Nancy said that they are asking for \$1000 but any amount would be greatly appreciated.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve a \$500 donation. Tom Wills seconded but the vote did not pass with 3 Trustees opposing that amount.
There was a lot of discussion about the amount to be given. It was stated that the program is a great benefit to the Town of Hotchkiss.
John Marta moved to approve a donation in the amount of \$350 to Hope West. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

8. **Street Light Discussion at 2nd Street and the Railroad Tracks**
Matthew Kottenstette said that he was hoping to hear about and see action taken since the last meeting. Matthew said that at a minimum the angle and the height adjustment of the light would be appreciated. Public Works Director Mike Owens said that in talking with DMEA (Delta Montrose Electric Association) the best option would be to adjust the wattage of the light down. Mike then showed the Board pictures of the light and the house in question. Mike asked Matthew if it was the light shining in the house windows or it being visible when they looked outside that was the problem and Matthew said that it was both. Matthew also said that the street light on Orchard and 2nd Street was more obnoxious than the one by the railroad tracks. Mike said that he was confused because the light in question for the last 5 months has been the one by the railroad tracks.
After much discussion the Board asked Public Works Director Mike Owens to contact DMEA and ask them to put a dimmer wattage bulb in the street light at 2nd and Orchard.

9. **Ordinance 2017-04-Approval of Loan Agreement with Colorado Water Resource and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA) for the Barrow Mesa Water Storage Tank (As an Emergency Ordinance)**
Attorney Bo Nerlin said that the Ordinance authorizes the Town to enter into an agreement with CWRPDA using the water and sewer enterprise funds. Engineer Joanne Fagan said that it is a debt forgiveness loan for up to \$72,000 for the design work and engineer costs but she does not think that the whole amount will be used.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve Ordinance 2017-04 an Ordinance of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado acting by and through the Town of Hotchkiss Water and Sewer Enterprise, approving a loan from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to finance the design and engineer costs to replace the Barrow Mesa storage tank as an emergency. Tom Wills seconded and it passed with all in favor.

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10. DCMH (Delta County Memorial Hospital) West Elk Clinic Update
There will be an Open House on Friday September 22 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. with the Free Masons setting the corner stone that day as well.
11. Farm to Fiddle Festival Update
None.
12. Colorado Main Street Program Update
Mary Hockenbery spoke with Lynda Cannon and Elyse Castleberry. The discussion involved how to get the Main Street Program going again and how to get more people interested. They also talked about putting together a survey for the program. There is no energy in this program right now so it is a slow process.
13. Five Minute Public Appearance
Mayor Koontz talked about the corner stone ceremony that will be performed by the Lamborn Mesa Masonic Lodge at the West Elk Clinic on Friday, September 22.
14. Master Plan Survey Update
Tom Wills said that the results were in the Trustee packets. The Planning Commission will be looking at starting the goal statements at the next planning meeting and will probably finalize everything after the holidays.
15. Town Engineer Report
Tribble and Son's will be working on the seep line project from Hotchkiss' field to J & M Plumbing on Pinon Street. South of the Hotchkiss field there is 60 to 70 feet of sewer line submerged due to sag in the pipe and they will be working on that as well. They are hoping to be done with the main line work by Thanksgiving.
The DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) grant hearing will be on November 8 for the Barrow Mesa Water Tank Replacement Project and a decision should be made by the end of November. Everything looks good on the application.
16. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
A new representative will be appointed at the October meeting.
17. Leroux Creek Planning Update
There was a meeting in conjunction with the County to discuss the County Master Plan. The County will have meetings once a week now until the plan is finalized.
18. Department Reports
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) removed all of the pedestrian crossing signs due to too much sign noise on the sides of the streets. They also changed several of the speed limit signs through Town. Marshal Miller added

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18. (cont.) there has already been an accident as a result of the change. Mayor Koontz asked if the Board was alright with a letter being written to CDOT to help address these issues and the Board agreed that a letter would be a good idea.
Mike Owens also asked the Town for approval to lease the 255 acre feet that the Town owns of Leroux Creek water to Steve Tuck. Steve has a home on the upper end of Roger's Mesa and would like to use the water this fall to start a crop. Attorney Nerlin said that Steve Tuck could use the water until the end of this year but it will have to be advertised and go out for bid in the Spring of 2018. Mike will talk with Steve Tuck and let him know the decision.
Mike also stated that paving of some of the streets in Hotchkiss will tentatively start next week. The County will let him know when they are available to start.

Marshal Miller said that the Police Department is very busy with a burglary case and he forgot to send his report to the Board.
19. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills said that there are a couple of reviews coming before the Commission at the September 27th meeting. One is for a boundary adjustment and one is for a change of use review. In October there is a possible review for an AirBNB.
20. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
None
21. Mayor's Report
The High School Student Council will be joining the Board of Trustees at the Town Hall for the November 9th meeting. Homecoming is this weekend with the parade tomorrow. The Municipal Quarterly will be on October 29th. An energy conference will be held on September 29th and 30th. Mayor Koontz, Mary Hockenbery and Tom Wills will all be attending.
22. Town Clerk Report
Work on the Budget for 2018 has started. The preliminary budget will be handed out at the October meeting.
23. Upcoming Events/Schedule
Sunday, October 15-Creative Coalition Art and Ag Tour
24. New Business
None
25. Possible Items for the Next Agenda
Mosquito Control District

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26. Consideration of Bills
Lindee Cantrell moved to pay all bills as presented. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
27. Executive Session
Canceled.
28. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk