

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

August 16, 2018

1. Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Those present were Esther Koontz, Sheila Maki, Pat Medina, Mary Hockenbery and John Marta. Jim Roberts passed away on August 11, 2018.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wilkening took a few minutes to speak about Jim Roberts and said that the funeral will be at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Elks Club.
3. Minutes for July 12 and July 19, 2018
Sheila Maki wanted clarification in the July 12th minutes under item #4 that the Beer Garden was sponsored by the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce for the Fair Board not the Delta County Area Chamber of Commerce. Sheila also noted that in item #7 the name of the DCED (Delta County Economic Development) person is Stacey not Tracy.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the July 12 minutes with the above noted changes. Esther Koontz seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Sheila Maki moved to approve the minutes as presented for July 19, 2018. Pat Medina seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
4. Charlie Overstreet-Weed Concerns
This item was originally skipped due to Charlie Overstreet not being present. He showed up around 6:45 and this item was revisited.
Charlie Overstreet lives at 862 Cedar Drive and has concerns about the weeds that are in the area. Mr. Overstreet would like to see the tumbleweeds and sand burs outlawed or at least have people held accountable when they do not take care of the weeds on their property. Last month, Charlie received a ticket for burning thistles during the burn ban because he was not sure how else to handle these problem weeds. Mr. Overstreet brought some samples of the weeds that he picked up from around his home.
Marshal Miller said that the Marshal's office issues a warning to people that have not taken care of weeds on their property and if that does not work they are cited and brought to court. After several more minutes of discussion Mayor Wilkening told Mr. Overstreet that the Ordinance would be studied and his complaint taken under advisement.
5. Ordinance 2018-05 Possible First Reading of Growing Marijuana and Minors in Possession
Attorney Nerlin told the Board that this Ordinance is a code update with the changes of recreational Marijuana grown on private property and enforcing the law when a minor is in possession of Marijuana. The State law says that no more than 12 plants can be grown per person but the Town adopted an Ordinance saying that no more than 16 plants can be grown per person. This Ordinance would also give the Marshal's office the ability to investigate the growing of Marijuana if it is considered a nuisance.
After several minutes of discussion about the concerns of some of the language in this Ordinance, the Board asked Attorney Nerlin to fix the language and bring it back for a possible first reading in September.

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6. Farm to Fiddle Update for 2018 Festival
There was not a representative present. Mary Hockenbery said that she volunteered in the information booth for a while and the music was really good.
7. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce-Down Town Beautification Check Presentation
Sue Whittlesey presented a check to the Board for the Chamber of Commerce's half of the Down Town Beautification. The amount of the check was \$391.25. Mayor Wilkening told Sue that Board appreciates the Chamber of Commerce being involved in this project.
8. Authorization to Apply for Funding for Construction of Town Shop
Engineer Joanne Fagan said that she got a letter of intent stating that the Town will receive a planning and engineering grant for the Town Shop from DOLA (Department of Local Affairs). The next step is to apply for a grant for the building of the new shop.
9. Resolution 2018-08-Intergovernmental Agreement with Delta County Clerk and Recorder's Office for November 6 Coordinated Election
Attorney Nerlin told the Board that this resolution approves an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the County for the coordinated November Election. The Town's ballot question was approved in the July meeting.
Esther Koontz moved to approve Resolution 2018-08 A Resolution of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado, approving an Intergovernmental agreement between the Town of Hotchkiss and the Delta County Clerk and Recorder regarding responsibilities for conducting the Even year general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. John Marta seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
10. Five Minute Public Appearance
None
11. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Joanne Fagan told the Board that a meeting was held with DOLA regarding the grant application for the construction of the new Town shop. Joanne has completed the application and DOLA recommends that the Town wait until the December cycle of grant requesting to submit the application. There are a lot of other applications in the August cycle and DOLA feels that there would be a better chance of receiving the grant if the Town waits until the December cycle.
Sheila Maki moved to approve Engineer Joanne Fagan applying for funding from DOLA and submitting the application in the December grant cycle. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

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12. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
There will be a meeting held on September 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
13. Leroux Creek Planning Update
There will be a Delta County joint Planning Committee meeting on August 27th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Orchard City Town Hall.
14. Department Reports
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that the water plant is doing good. The Water Commissioners are saying that we will be okay for this year but another dry winter will make things really tight next year. The watering odd and even days have not helped with conservation.

Marshal Miller had nothing to add to his written report.
15. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Sheila Maki said that the Planning Commission looked at the trailer regulations and decided that the Board of Trustees should be amending them if needed, not the Planning Commission. There are eight (8) areas around Town that use Town utilities but are not annexed into Town. Some discussion was had on that as well.
16. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
Mary Hockenbery said that the Chamber is working to replace board members. September 11 is a Steering Committee meeting for the Main Street Program. The map that the Chamber put out has been so popular that they are sending it for a second printing.
17. Mayor's Report
Mayor Wilkening thanked Attorney Nerlin for the Trustee training held on July 19. He attended Emergency Management training and was the only Mayor in attendance. Mayor Wilkening spoke to the Rotary Club in Paonia on July 26th and toured the Public Works building with Director Mike Owens and feels that a new building would be beneficial.
18. Town Clerk Report
Deputy Town Clerk Ginger Redden reported that the yearly 3% raise increase for the Town Supervisors and a couple of Public Works employees took effect at the end of July. These raises are included in the 2018 Budget.
19. Consideration of Bills
Pat Medina moved to ratify the payment of the bills presented due to the approval to pay bills being done in the July meeting. Sheila Maki seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

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20. Upcoming Events/Schedule
September 1-Art and Ag Tour through the Creative Coalition
September 19 & 20-USDA Rural Affairs Summit in Delta
21. New Business
None
22. Possible Items for Next Agenda
Review of the Trailer Regulations
23. Adjournment
Pat Medina moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Esther Koontz seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk