

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

January 9, 2025

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Wingfield called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Those present were Jim Jorgensen, Randy Thalmann, Roger Christian, and Pat Medina via Zoom. Absent was Custer McLeod and Sven Edstrom.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2024

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Medina stated that there was a misspelling on page 1 of “Scoot” instead of “Scott”, as well as a misspelling on page 3, “meet” as missing a “t”.

Jim Jorgensen made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated corrections, Randy Thalmann seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Town Clerk Ginger Redden read off the additional bills.

Pat Medina made a motion to pay the bills, Roger Christian seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

4. NORTH FORK MINERS STUDENT COUNCIL-UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

No one was present to represent the North Fork High School.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

6. STAFF COMMENT

There were no staff comments.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

8. OLD BUSINESS

BRUIN WASTE RECYCLING UPDATE

Mayor Jim Wingfield told the Board that there is a handout about the recycling starting February 1st and that the Town will be charged for the full 75 people. Jim Jorgensen stated that he is still unsure on this program and disagrees with the Town having to cover the extra charge. Pat Medina said that they will have to pay for their workers and the gas. Attorney Bo Nerlin reminded the Board that this is just an update and that the Board has already passed this.

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9. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Jim Wingfield said that he would like to arrange a meeting between himself, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Medina and the Department Heads, to talk about the projects each department is planning for 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS

Department Head Marvin Jackson told the Board that they received the pipe in to start on re-piping First (1st) Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Green told the Board that they received their traffic trailer that will assist in tracking speeds or to help Public Works when they are working on a project.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Town Clerk Ginger Redden told the Board that she is getting W-2's ready and that they will be in the mail.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ronald Stoneburner introduced himself to the Board. He stated that he is grateful for the opportunity to work with the Clerks. The previous Building Inspector Robert Reynolds has been a great asset to him while transitioning into the position. He stated that he would like to have a proactive approach with the citizens.

10. NEW BUSINESS

HANSON MESA CONTRACT DISCUSSION/SUPPORT LETTER

Attorney Bo Nerlin stated that Hanson Mesa Water District is looking to get a support letter toward a grant they are applying for. There is a contract that they have with the Town but it doesn't expire until 2027. There is room to look at rate adjustments from the recent rate study. Peter Pruett from the Hanson Mesa Board, told the Board that as part of the grant process, they need support letters from the Town, County and State. They have gotten letters so far from the State and the County. They stated that they would send a template for the support letter if needed and would need to submit the letter by Tuesday. The letter was ready. Mayor Jim Wingfield signed and gave it to them.

Pat Medina made a motion to approve a letter of support for the grant that Hanson Mesa is applying for, Roger Christian seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-476 EATRY

Town Clerk Ginger Redden and Chief Scott Green told the Board that there were no issues with the application. Pat Medina asked if their application was lapsed. Ginger Redden said that it is just under the wire.

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10. NEW BUSINESS(Cont.)

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-476 EATRY

Pat Medina made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewal for 476 Eatery, Randy Thalmann seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2025-01 DECLARING NEWS PAPER AND POSTING LOCATION

Mayor Jim Wingfield read the Resolution.

Pat Medina made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 declaring High County Shopper and Spotlight as News Paper publication location and Town Hall as the Posting Location, Randy Thalmann seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PLAN DISCUSSION-KIM KELLY

Kim Kelly told the Board that 2018 was when they started the Downtown Improvement Plan and that there has recently been interest from Region 10 and DOLA. She stated that there would need to be a letter of support from the Town to help with possible grant funding. She wants to focus on Bridge Street as there has been an influx in businesses as of late. She would also like to work with CDOT to make the Town more inviting, add more lighting or install more way-finding signs. She is looking to put together a steering committee and possibly have the Town be awarded the funds to give to the contractors of the projects. Attorney Bo Nerlin told the Board that there could be a support letter issued to support this project.

Pat Medina made a motion to approve a support letter for Kim Kelly, Roger Christian seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Jim Wingfield mentioned that there were a few thank you letters and additional handouts.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley M. Rodarte, Deputy Town Clerk