

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

July 11, 2024

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Medina called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Present were Roger Christian, Randy Thalmann, Sven Edstrom Custer McLeod, and Jim Jorgensen.

Absent was Mayor Jim Wingfield.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR JUNE 20, 2024

Roger Christian moved to approve the minutes as presented, Custer McLeod seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Sven Edstrom moved to pay the bills, seconded by Custer McLeod. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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

School is out, no Student Council Present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heidi Huston, 122 E Bridge Street, presented herself as the new owner of the Shadescapes building. They want to come back for the August meeting to present their ideas to the Board for the pocket park.

Ruth Pettigrew, 344 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, asked the Board to provide information on Chapter 17 before the August meeting.

6. STAFF COMMENT

Sven Edstrom asked how the poll was going for recycling. Town Clerk Ginger Redden told the Board there were a few against it, but a vast majority is for it.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings for this month.

8. OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2024-01 CHAPTER 17 POSSIBLE FIRST READING

Attorney Bo Nerlin stated that he still needed to go over feedback with Mayor Wingfield and Chief Green before Chapter 17 is ready for a first reading. This item is tabled for this month.

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8. OLD BUSINESS (cont.)  
BRUIN WASTE POLL UPDATE ON RECYCLING  
Ginger Redden asked Attorney Bo Nerlin for assistance with getting a resolution ready for the recycling for the August meeting.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT  
Mayor Wingfield was not present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Chief Green is out with an injury, no report given.

PUBLIC WORKS  
Public Works Director Marvin Jackson is on vacation, no report given.

TOWN HALL  
Ginger Redden told the Board that the Elevate Internet was down yesterday and that the IT company has been switched over.

### PLANNING COMMISSION VACANY- POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

Three letters were submitted to the Town Hall, those being:

Jerry Brown  
John Marta  
Tom Wills

Each was given the opportunity to speak to the Board and explain why they would like to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

After some discussion with the Board, they thought someone new to the Commission would be a good idea.

Roger Christian made a motion to appoint Jerry Brown as the new Planning Commission Member, Randy Thalmann seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS  
TRASH FEE VARIANCE REQUEST-KIM KELLY-170 AND 178 EAST BRIDGE STREET  
Pat Medina stated that a resolution was passed in 1982 to ensure that all residents in the Town limit be required to pay for trash.  
Kim Kelly told the Board that the containers she has cannot fit all the trash that she produces for both businesses. She would like to get a two-yard dumpster to share for both properties and not pay the second trash charge of \$20.00 on the other business. She stated that she would place the dumpster at the 171 E Bridge Street address and that this would be able to free up a parking spot for her. Pat Medina asked if the recycling service would be able to help her in any way with her

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10. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

TRASH FEE VARIANCE REQUEST-KIM KELLY-170 AND 178 EAST BRIDGE STREET trash accumulation. Kim questioned if this service would cost more for businesses compared to residents. She told the Board that she would be willing to sign something that would make it so the next owner of the building would have to apply for the same variance, in the case that she sells or retires.

After several minutes of discussion, the Board agreed that this would benefit Kim and her businesses.

Ginger Redden stated that if this were approved, more businesses would be asking for the same variance.

Custer McLeod made a motion to approve the trash fee variance request, Jim Jorgensen seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECAP-LARRY WILKENING AND MARY HOCKENBERY

Larry Wilkening stated that during the Candidate forum, there were a lot of questions pertaining to the Cat Ordinance and economic development. While he and Mary were on the Board, they wanted their focus to be towards improving the inner core of downtown. They had hired a company to gather data that would help in creating a prosperity plan for the Town. With one hundred (100) people attending the release of the plan, this showed that the citizens were interested in enhancing the core. The plan focused on light industrial and maker spaces. Region 10 was very helpful with things that came after the plan. They helped with hosting a workshop that brought together many financial supporters and lead a focus group for Hotchkiss. Larry told the Board that things like these take a great amount of time to accomplish. Downtown Colorado Streets took twenty (20) years to get the community, business owners, and government together to get Ridgway where it is today. Region 10 was getting help together with Community Builders and then COVID happened, stopping all progress. Region 10 was a huge help with getting the Old Public Works Shop sold. Larry stated that there was a lot of work that went into the Old Public Works shop just to get it ready to sell, as far as remediation and getting proposals that fit the Towns seven (7) guiding principles. Larry emphasized that the plan is the groundwork that is needed to apply for any grant funding. Courtney Tribble introduced herself as the Economic Development District Program Manager with Region 10. She stated that her business assists governments in obtaining grants. She said that CDOT has a main street program that offers up to \$250,000 in funds to help roads that are also highways. Region 10 has grant writers that look at the plans to then write the grants, as well as the assisting after the grant is approved. Larry closed thanking the Board and stated that he would be willing to talk with anyone that had further questions on anything that deals with the Towns economic development.

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10. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)  
MUNCHIE MONDAY PROPOSAL-JOSHUA FRYE-BUD BARN DISPENSARY-101 W BRIDGE STREET  
Joshua Frye told the Board that he is proposing Munchie Monday, he would be bringing in a food truck or vendor once a month on Monday, possibly more if he feels that it is making traction. He is debating if the food will be donated or provided with proof of purchase from his store. He would like to place the food truck at the front of his building or in the private parking lot. He stated that local vendors were very enthusiastic about the idea and that this idea would be a great way of promoting both businesses. He wants to first bring in a truck to give out ice cream or food and then in the fall/winter would be warm drinks. He would have the vendor there from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Custer McLeod said that he thought the proposal was a good idea. Joshua stated that he could possibly donate the money to the local businesses.  
Custer McLeod motioned to approve Bud Barns Munchie Monday proposal, seconded by Sven Edstrom. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley M. Rodarte, Deputy Town Clerk