

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

July 14, 2001

1. Mayor Wendell Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Sheila Maki, Jane Wills, Lindee Cantrell, Dustyn Foster and Carrie Wingfield. Marlin McCracken was not present.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Sheila Maki moved to approve the minutes for June 9, 2011 with the following correction; paragraph #4 should state Oxbow mine has “applied” for a permit from BLM to drill test holes, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
4. **Donation Request**
Eric Norton, North Fork Baseball, stated the team has been invited to the Triple Crown Baseball tournament in Steamboat Springs and are requesting a donation from the Town for expenses. Dustyn Foster moved to donate \$ 100, seconded by Sheila Maki, with all in favor.
5. **Susan Raymond, Proposed Chicken Operations on Powell Mesa and Redlands Mesa**
Ms. Raymond, The Animal Doctor, discussed the proposed chicken laying operation on Powell Mesa and Redlands Mesa and the impact it will have on her business and the Town of Hotchkiss. Ms. Raymond feels there are better locations for the chicken operation. She feels some of the impacts will be irrigation water for Willow Heights, the water runoff into Town, increased traffic, and insecticide use. She would like the Town to send a letter to the Delta County Commissioners with these concerns. The Mayor thanked Ms. Raymond for her information. The Trustees did not comment.
6. **Kami Collins, Abraham Connection**
Kami told the Trustees about the Abraham Connection which provides a homeless shelter for Delta County. They are using the basement of the Delta United Methodist Church to house the homeless at this time. They are looking for additional housing. The shelter is open November through April and they had 71 bed nights last year. They are looking for volunteers and donations. They need 4 volunteers per night, 2 women and 2 men per shift and they do all the training as needed. Mayor Koontz thanked Ms. Collins and told her it is a much needed service and he applauds their efforts.
7. **Consideration of Pay Increase for Employees**
Mayor Koontz stated the performance reviews have been completed and the department heads met with him to review all evaluations. Mayor Koontz and Sheila Maki stated the raises are deserved and warranted.
Sheila Maki moved to give 3% raises to all full time employees as of July 1, 2011, seconded by Dustyn Foster. The motion passed with Jane Wills abstaining.
8. **Change of Meeting Date**
The Trustees agreed to move the August meeting to the 18th because of Delta County Fair week.
9. **Building Code Inspector Report**
Mayor Koontz read a written report from Building Inspector Tim Hinz.
10. **Leroux Creek Planning Update**
Sheila Maki did not attend the meeting. Jane Wills volunteered to represent the Town at these meetings and Sheila will be the alternate.
11. **HHS Water Line Project**
Engineer Fagan said there is good progress on the project. The line across Delta County property is almost complete. They will work on Park Drive and Bridge Street after the Delta County Fair. She requested a change order for \$ 9,000 to remove asphalt between the trench and the gutter on 4th Street and to pave that area. This cost is within the project budget.
Sheila Maki moved to approve the change order for \$ 9,000, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
Engineer Fagan said there is not a completion date at this time; it will depend on the river crossing.

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12. Enhancement Project Update – Walking Trail
RR Agreement Discussion
Engineer Fagan reported the cost that was discussed at the June meeting for the railroad crossing was incorrect and that the railroad had sent the wrong paperwork; which showed a lower cost to the Town. The Town's cost will be \$ 70,000 for the railroad crossing.
The proposed trail will run on the east side of Cedar. Engineer Fagan walked the Tullis property and found a route that may work, but it will require cut/fill and stabilization and may not save money over the trail route on Cedar. Attorney Briscoe stated CDOT will probably favor the trail on Cedar.
The Trustees asked Engineer Fagan to work with CDOT on the IGA for this project and get some of the preliminary work completed.
13. Five Minute Public Appearance - None
14. Hotchkiss Planning Update
The Commission discussed the updating of the master plan. They have set September 21, 2011 for another public hearing. The Town Hall will have surveys for citizens and they can visit the Town's web site also.
15. Department Reports
Marshal Miller reported that Deputy Lloyd was taking some time off to be with his new baby. He reported there will be two small bike tours through Town in August.
The Police department is investigating a couple drug cases and burglaries.

Mike Owens asked if there were questions on his written report. There were none. He asked the Trustees for approval to have Rescue Tree Service trim the trees at the property at HWY 92 and 133 at a cost of \$ 3,960. The Trustees approved.
Pall is working with the Town to removal more of the TOC's at the water plant. The expenses will be tracked and discussed with Pall when complete.
The Skid Steer was delivered this week with a bucket and jack hammer attachment.
The bulk water dispensary/standpipe is working well.
Public Works is working on the water runoff from Duke Hill.
Dustyn Foster asked about a fall/spring Town community cleanup.
16. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce
Marshal Miller reported the Chambers are sending out business surveys for the update of the master plan.
17. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz enjoyed attending the Hotchkiss Happening at the Creamery and encouraged the other Trustees to attend these events. The next Creamery Arts Open House is 8/12/11. School starts 8/22/11.
AT&T/Cellular is talking to SBA Tower to place an antenna on the current tower.
Upcoming Events;
Mountain Harvest Fest, Paonia 9/22/11
Deltarado Days – Delta, this weekend
Planning Commission Meeting 7/27/11
18. New Business
Mike Owens reported that at the end of this year the FCC will discontinue the radios the Town currently uses. It will be very expensive to change radios. The employees now use their personal cell phones for most communication. Mike would like to do away with the radios and compensate the employees for the use of their cell phones.
19. Sheila Maki moved to pay all bills, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
20. Carrie Wingfield moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Lindee Cantrell, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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