

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

March 14, 2013

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and thanked the Hotchkiss High School Student Government and staff for inviting the Hotchkiss Trustees to have their meeting at the high school this month. The Student Government set with the Trustees and participated during the meeting.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. James Roberts moved to approve the minutes for February 14, 2013 as presented, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
4. HHS Good News – Mr. Glen Suppes, HHS Vice Principal
Mr. Suppes thanked everyone for participating the joint Hotchkiss Trustees and HHS Student Government meeting. Mr. Suppes invited anyone who would like a tour of the school to contact him or the office and he would be glad to give them a tour. The Student Government and Mr. Suppes presented Deputy Shaklee with a plaque for volunteering countless hours of his time at both the Hotchkiss High and K-8.
Mr. Suppes told the Trustees of the many accomplishments of the students at HHS. Mayor Koontz thanked Mr. Suppes and the students for the preparation for this meeting and he is looking forward to a meeting at the Hotchkiss Town Hall with the HHS Student Government in the fall.
5. Creamery Arts Liquor License Renewal
Marlin McCracken moved to approve the license, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
6. Peter Knapp – PJ's Pub
Mr. Knapp told the Trustees he would like to start serving on the patio in the rear of his restaurant. The patio was completed by the owner of the building prior to Mr. Knapp leasing the property. The patio is included on his liquor license and the Marshal has approved the design of the patio.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the serving of alcohol on the patio, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
7. Donation Request
Tom Wills reported the North Fork Mosquito Abatement District (NFMAD) will not be asking for a donation this evening. They will attend the April meeting and give information on their operations and request a donation for the purchase of a RAMP system at that time.
8. Ordinance 2013-1 – Amended Sidewalk Ordinance
Attorney Briscoe said he had reviewed the Ordinance and had three additional changes/suggestions;
 1. use of the wording “reimbursement/donation” for sharing cost of sidewalk,
 2. changing the discount from 2% to 10% for citizens paying their portion within 90 days,
 3. permits required (no exceptions) for sidewalk use, core businesses-one time/first year – no fee.Tom Wills asked about sidewalk sales, such as for Sheep Dog Trials; permits for all individual or blanket permit for that event? Attorney Briscoe stated those events should be case by case not in the Ordinance.
Marlin McCracken asked if there should be something in the Ordinance that states special events are exempt from permit. Attorney Briscoe said if that was put into the Ordinance all special events would have to be listed, defined and changed as events change.
Lindee Cantrell moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-1 as presented, seconded by Dustyn Foster. Motion passed with Marlin McCracken voting against.
9. Farm Bid Consideration
The Trustees discussed the two bids received for the farm lease at the Sanitation property. Jerry Thompson, Thomson Farms, bid \$3,500 per year.
Dan Bolton bid \$5,500 per year.

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9. (continued) Mike Owens told the Trustees that Jerry Thompson has had the lease for the last 9 years and has done a good job.
James Roberts, Lindee Cantrell and Georgia Hopper said that the Jerry has been a good care taker of the land and the yearly lease money is not the main concern in leasing the ground. James Roberts move to accept Jerry Thompson's bid for \$ 3,500 per year for a lease of five years, seconded by Georgia Hopper. The motion passed with Marlin McCracken voting against and Dustyn Foster abstaining.
10. Mayor Koontz reported the 5-K Fun Run during the Sheep Dog Trials will start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 11th at the Catholic Church. There will be a slight difference in the route due to safety concerns for runners and traffic control.
11. Oak Mesa Coal Exploration Update
Steve Wiest, Oxbow Mining, gave a presentation of the progress of the coal drilling exploration on Oak Mesa. They have 7 holes drilled and will proceed to core those. They have one more to drill and core to complete phase one. When the cores are complete they are sent to Denver for analysis, the rock is sent to Grand Junction. They should have results by mid June. They will then decide what their next step will be, either apply for coal permit or continue to drill for additional results. The permit process can take from two to six years. BLM will determine the amount of coal to be mined and length of the lease. The Oak Mesa site is 14,000 acres and any coal company may apply for a lease permit to mine the coal.
12. Recreational Marijuana Regulations Discussion
Mayor Koontz asked the HHS students to share their thoughts on the recreational marijuana regulations. The Town has an option of allowing or not allowing marijuana outlets in the Town limits. The State government is now reviewing the statute and will set regulations by July, 2013. Mr. Suppes and several students spoke.
Most of the students and Mr. Suppes were opposed to the sale and use of marijuana, medical or recreational, in Hotchkiss. They feel it will cause problems in society, school grades, behavior and there was concern over people using marijuana while driving in the community. One student stated the adults in the community should be able to make the choice to use marijuana or not.
Mayor Koontz thanked the students and Mr. Suppes for their comments.
The Town Trustees will have a Public Hearing at a later date.
13. North Fork 20/20 Update
Dustyn Foster told the Trustees that they are invited to a meeting/dinner in Crawford on March 19th. The NF 20/20 board will review and update the progress of the last year.
14. Downtown Improvements
Mary Hockenbery reported they are meeting with volunteers for the summer flower watering season. She will have a budget for the flower project downtown at the April meeting. Tom Wills reported he has received the mine timbers from Todd Enterprises and they have started building the planters. Dustyn Foster will work with the HHS FFA to construct the planters.
15. Enhancement Trails Project
Engineer Fagan reported the final IGA is under review at the State. The Town is continuing to work with the County on the joint project at the fairgrounds.
16. Delta County Housing Authority Update
Georgia Hopper reported there was not a meeting.
17. Hotchkiss Planning Commission
Mayor Koontz reported that Becky Armstrong had resigned and the Commission will be looking for a new member.

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18. Leroux Creek Planning
Carrie Wingfield reported there was not a meeting.
19. Five Minute Public Appearance
Joanne Tullis gave the Clerk a draft support letter for the North Fork Creative Collation.
Ms. Tullis explained what the collation is and invited the students at HHS to become involved.
20. Department Reports
Mike asked if there were questions on his written report. There were none.
Mike reported the source water document is being fined tuned and should be ready for adoption May or June. This document will better the communication with all involved with the use of the land in the Town's watershed area.
21. (continued) Mike reported the meter replacement bids will be opened on March 27th. There are a total of 614 meters to replace. Mike reported the water plant clarifier upgrade is progressing. The State Health department will have to approve the pump the Town would like to use.
22. Deputy Gates Shaklee gave the police report. Deputy Shaklee reported the remodel of the police department will start March 18th and should be complete by April 19th. Deputy Lloyd has been attending classes in Canon City for two weeks. Deputy Shaklee introduced Pat LaPoint, who has been working for the police department while Deputy Lloyd has been attending classes.
23. Chamber of Commerce Update
Tom Wills said the Chamber is working on the Downtown Improvement plan. There will be an e-waste collection day on April 27th at the Delta County fairgrounds.
24. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz said Town clean-up dates will be discussed at the April meeting.
Mayor Koontz participated in the K-8 reading night.
Deputy Clerk Tami Smith had surgery and will be off work for about one month.
Reminder the Marshal's department has a ride along program.
The 2012 Town Audit is being completed.
Mayor Koontz thanked Dustyn and Amy Foster for the cookies for the meeting.
25. Town Clerk Report
None
26. Upcoming Events
CML Annual Conference June 18th -21st
HHS – 3Times a Comedy
Quilt Show at Heritage Hall March 15th, 16th, and 17th
Fund Raiser for Seth Weber's daughter at Creamery Arts on March 16th
27. New Business
None
28. Consideration of Bills
Carrie Wingfield moved to pay all bills, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
29. Keegan Palmer, HHS Student Government representative, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Kelli Buhrdoff, HHS Student Government representative, with all Hotchkiss Trustees in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk

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