

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

December 12, 2013

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present were Carrie Wingfield, Georgia Hopper, Marlin McCracken, James Roberts, Lindee Cantrell and Dustyn Foster.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Koontz wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
4. Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the minutes for November 14, 2013 as presented, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
5. Public Hearing
Keeping of Livestock in Town – Amy Foster 229 High Street
Amy requested to keep rabbits for meat processing. She will have 2 females and 1 male in separate hutches. She will control breeding by processing the rabbits.
The Town did not receive comment for or against.
Pro – none
Opposed – none
Mayor Koontz asked about control of smell and waste. Mrs. Foster said she will keep the area clean.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the keeping of the rabbits, and if problems arise, the issue will be discussed, seconded by Carrie Wingfield. The motion passed with Dustyn Foster abstaining.

Keeping of Livestock in Town – Dan Bolton – 480 Cedar Street
Mr. Bolton requested keeping about 1,000 sheep on 18 acres he owns for 2 weeks. There will be shepherder with the sheep. He will bring the sheep in on Monday 12/16/13.
Lindee Cantrell and Carrie Wingfield asked if there had been problems with the sheep getting out, or with the irrigation pipe in the field. Mr. Bolton said not in the past.
Pro – none
Opposed – none
Marlin McCracken moved to approve the keeping of the sheep for 10 days starting December 16th, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
6. Megean Morlang – Town Sweeper Accident
Ms. Morlang stated her parked car was hit by the Town sweeper on October 28, 2013. She is requesting the Town pay for the repairs, because she only has liability coverage on her vehicle. She thanked the Town for paying for a car rental for her. She will get her vehicle back from the repair shop Friday or Monday.
Mayor Koontz stated the Trustees had voted in the November meeting to pay all expenses her insurance would not pay. Ms. Morlang stated she will sign a release agreement with the Town for future claims.
Mayor Koontz thanked Ms Morlang and apologized for the problems caused to her.
7. Richard Bailey - Hotchkiss Dog Trials
Mr. Bailey reported that the sheep trials have put Hotchkiss on the map. This year entries open on February 1st and there will be 75 dog/handler teams. The trials are May 9th, 10th, and 11th. Mr. Bailey said there is a need for volunteers during the trials.
8. Enhancement Trails Project
Mike Owens and Clerk Searle reported that DOLA is still interested in funding the trails. Marlin McCracken reported he looked into the job corp working with the Town on the trails, but they cannot work with a municipality.
The Trustees decided to stay with their decision made in November to decline funding from CDOT and DOLA and use Town funds for the trails. They tabled the trails discussion until they review revenues and expenses in 2014.

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9. Attorney Interview Information and Possible Appointment
Mayor Koontz reported four attorneys were interviewed and the selection committee recommended Bo Nerlin of J. David Reed, Attorneys at Law, for the position. The decision was made on rate structure, municipal law experience and staffing. The Trustee agreed with this selection.
10. Liquor License Renewal
B.P.O.E. #1807
Marshal Miller stated there were no problems.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the renewal for B.P.O.E. #1807, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Past Times Tavern
Marshal Miller stated there were no problems.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the renewal for the Past Times Tavern, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
11. Ordinance 2013-3
Attorney Briscoe explained the two ordinances, based on the information received from the Trustees. One was for a 3 dog limit and the second was for a 4 dog limit.
Carrie Wingfield moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-3 establishing a 3 dog limit, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.
12. Resolution Adoptions
James Roberts moved to adopt Resolution 2013-5, Accepting Construction Completed by Pall Corporation, on the water plant, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Carrie Wingfield, moved to adopt Resolution 2013-6, Accepting Construction Completed by Peterson Excavating, for water meter installation, seconded by Georgia Hopper, with all in favor.
13. 2014 Budget
Carrie Wingfield moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-4 to adopt the 2014 budget, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.

James Roberts moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-5 to adopt the 2014 Mill Levy, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor.

Dustyn Foster moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-6 to adopt the 2014 Appropriations as an emergency, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
14. Year End Bonus
Mayor Koontz said the Town gives these year end bonuses in recognition of the staff and Trustees.
Georgia Hopper moved to give the staff \$250 and the Trustees \$50 in City Market gift cards, seconded by Lindee Cantrell, with all in favor.
15. Christmas Eve – Closing of Town Hall early
Marlin McCracken moved to close the Town Hall at noon on Christmas Eve, seconded by James Roberts, with all in favor.
16. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Mayor Koontz reported the North Fork Alternative Plan has been giving to the BLM to study. Public meeting will start in February. The Trustees will meet with Bruce Bertram early 2014 to discuss developments within Delta County.

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17. North Fork 20/20
Dustyn Foster did not have a report. Tom Wills said they are complete with the grant cycle for this program. Mayor Koontz said this item can be taken off the agenda.
18. Downtown Improvement Update
Tom Wills reported they are working on the information board for the Barney/Fair Park. The installation should be late spring or early summer.
19. Delta County Housing Task Force
Georgia Hopper said there was not a meeting.
20. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Carrie Wingfield said there was not a meeting.
21. Five Minute Public Appearance
Tom Wills said John and Billie Marta won the citizen Christmas lighting contest and Cowboy Collectibles won for the business. The students from Hotchkiss K-8 did the judging.
22. Department Reports
Mike Owens said he would like to purchase a generator for the water plant with the leftover grant funds from the water plant project. The generator would be used if there was a power failure at the plant.
Carrie Wingfield moved to purchase and install a generator for not more than \$110,000, seconded by Marlin McCracken, with all in favor
Mayor Koontz thanked the public works crew for snow removal. Mike said the department has been doing vehicle and general maintenance.

Marshal Miller said things have been quiet. He reminded everyone it is illegal to start your car and leave it running.
23. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce
Tom Wills said the NF Ambulance will have a craft fair and highlight the ambulance service and membership on December 14th at Heritage Hall.
24. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz reminded the scholarship committee to get together.
He and staff will be working on the annual citizen news letter in January.
25. Town Clerk Report
The Clerk and Carrie Wingfield reported the Hotchkiss Santa will be delivering gifts on December 20th and Santa will be at the Hotchkiss Fire House on December 21st.
Mike Owens has started a Town of Hotchkiss Facebook page to get information out to the citizens. Attorney Briscoe said to watch the page carefully so someone does not hack it and place items on there the Town does not approve.
26. Upcoming Events
North Fork Christmas Party 12/14
Attorney Briscoe's Retirement Party 12/14
Hotchkiss Community Dinner 12/25
Next Town Meeting 1/9/14
27. New Business
Mayor Koontz asked Attorney Briscoe for his thoughts at this time of his retirement.
Attorney Briscoe related some funny stories about his time as Hotchkiss and Paonia attorney.
Attorney Briscoe thanked the Town of Hotchkiss for all the memories.
Mayor Koontz thanked Jim for all he has done for the Town.

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28. Consideration of Bills
Lindee Cantrell moved to pay all bills, seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.
29. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Carrie Wingfield, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene F. Searle, Town Clerk