

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

September 10, 2015

1. Those present were Mayor Wendell Koontz, Jim Roberts, Tom Wills, Dustyn Foster and Larry Jakubiak. Lindee Cantrell came in a little late. Absent was Mayor Pro-Tem Carrie Wingfield.
2. Mayor Wendell Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and read part of the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln.
3. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Marley Duclo-Road Easement Discussion**
Marley Duclo spoke about an easement change that he would like to make going into his property off HWY 92. He said that there was a change from the original plan. Attorney Nerlin said that normally CDOT approved the easement before it came before the Town. Mr. Duclo said that CDOT is waiting on the Town's approval. Attorney Nerlin recommended Town approval and asked that once CDOT signed off its approval that Mr. Duclo bring all of the signed documents back to the Town Clerk.
Tom Wills moved to approve the plat with the understanding that Marley Duclo would bring the signed documents from CDOT back to the Town. Dustyn Foster seconded the motion and it passed with Lindee Cantrell abstaining since she missed the last Council Meeting and was unsure of this item.
5. **North Fork Mosquito Abatement District-Update and Funding Request**
Rain Keppler and Zach Hotchkiss represented the North Fork Mosquito Abatement District. Rain stated that in 2014 the Mosquito District approached the Town and asked for support from the Town of Hotchkiss. Rain said that Zach does a lot of volunteering of his time to spray the areas around Hotchkiss. Fogging in the lower Hotchkiss area has been very successful but the crazy weather this year has been an issue. Rain said that the Mosquito Abatement District is out of money for the year and is asking for money from the Town to help them make payroll, after Friday that have no more money to spare. Rain said that the County will double whatever the Town of Hotchkiss gives and will give them a line item in the budget for the coming year. Larry Jakubiak asked about the mill levy that the District receives. Rain said that they do not get enough from the mill levy to cover all of their expenses and they would have to ask for an increase from the voters to add to their budget.
Mayor Wendell Koontz noted that there is a line item in the Town's budget for the Mosquito District.
Tom Wills moved to give the Mosquito District \$1500.00 that is available in the Town's budget. Dustyn Foster seconded the motion and it passed with Larry Jakubiak opposing the motion.
6. **Discussion to Place Ballot Question for SB152 on November's Coordinated Election**
Attorney Bo Nerlin stated that the question has been submitted and the deadlines for the election are being watched. Mayor Koontz said that this will be helpful in bringing businesses to the area and does not endorse any particular business.
7. **Judge Lynn French's Pay Increase Discussion**
Judge Lynn French has been the Judge for the Town of Hotchkiss since 1979 and is requesting a pay increase. Mayor Koontz stated that this item should be tabled and discussed in the upcoming Budget Meeting. The Trustees agreed to discuss this item at that time.
8. **Susan Raymond-Attorney Nerlin Update**
Attorney Nerlin stated that he, Mayor Koontz and Marshal Miller met with Dr. Susan Raymond and the meeting went well. Dr. Raymond boarded the animals that the Deputies needed help with. Dr. Raymond talked to Marshal Miller directly and feels that the issue has been somewhat resolved. Dr. Raymond understands that she can come before the Board of Trustees if she so chooses. Tom Wills asked if animals were still being taken to Dr. Raymond and Attorney Nerlin stated that Marshal Miller was looking into other options. Attorney Nerlin also stated that an Ordinance needs to be written for the Town to address safety concerns with the next person keeping animals for the Town.

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9. North Fork Valley Creative Coalition Update
Tom Wills said that the Celebrate the Fork event sold out for their dinner and Mayor Koontz said that the music was great.
10. Town Engineer Report/Sanitation Line Upgrade Update
Engineer Joanne Fagan reported that they had a preconstruction meeting today with Williams Construction. Williams Construction will start moving equipment in on September 21 and will start working on the sewer line upgrade on September 28. The work will start southwest corner of Pinon in the alley between Highway 92 and Hotchkiss Avenue. They will then zigzag up to Big B's and the Locker Plant. Engineer Fagan said that they will put the plan onto a map on paper that can be distributed to interested people.
Mayor Koontz asked if Williams would be closing down the whole block for the project and Engineer Fagan said that it would just be for the day while the work was being done. The alley would still be closed at night because of the equipment and the work being done. Williams Construction would like to start work at 7:00 a.m. and would like to work more than 40 hours a week to get as much done as they can before the frost hits. They would have to reimburse the Town for the overtime that the Inspector would have and they would like the Town to waive that. If they start their work at 7:00 a.m. Leonard would be available to do the inspecting until the Inspector arrives at 9:00 a.m. Public Works Director Mike Owens stated that the contract should be followed. Mayor Koontz asked if there was a strong justification for the overtime and Engineer Fagan said that there was not.
Engineer Fagan said there is really no update to give on the Effluent Line. They are writing a position paper on why the project needs to proceed.
11. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Mayor Koontz said that they are starting to see progress on the report but it would be November or January before a draft would be released.
12. Downtown Improvements Discussion
Tom Wills said that there was nothing new to report. The flowers are all doing good and it will be at least another month before they need to start replacing them with the wooden flowers. Tom is also accepting donations of plywood and wafer board for the flower making.
13. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
Larry Jakubiak said that there was a meeting today but he was unable to attend.
14. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills stated that the Planning Commission is currently working on the Mobile Home Regulations, specifically on the standards for a new mobile home coming into the area. Currently the Town accepts 1976 and newer mobile homes into Town. Sharon Schmidt is working with Town Clerk Marlene Searle on the regulations that other towns use. The mobile homes that are currently in Town are Grandfathered under the conditions stated until they sell. Once the sell is made the mobile home needs to be brought up to the current code.
Tom said that the Planning Commission is also working on the Downtown parking issue. It is currently not a problem but it could be in the future. Tom said that he believes that there needs to be signs up that are enforceable and the parking lot the Town has, needs to be fixed up. Larry Jakubiak stated that Weekender Sports is using the Town's lot and maybe they should be charged for parking their items there. Mayor Koontz and Larry Jakubiak also agreed that they did not think there was a problem with the parking. Tom said that the biggest problem is around the library. Mayor Koontz said that the Chamber should encourage the business owners to talk to their employees about this problem.
Tom stated that Mary Hockenbery will be stepping down from her position on the Planning Commission.
15. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Tom Wills is the new Leroux Creek Planning representative for the Town. Tom stated that there will be a meeting on September 15th to review Kuntz's chicken farm on Redlands Mesa.

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16. Five Minute Public Appearance
Zach Hotchkiss said that there is a place going towards Paonia on Highway 133 that the Mosquito District would love to get in and clean up. Letters have been sent to the owners but they have not heard back from them. The area is known as the Old Goatman's place to the locals and it is just past the railroad tracks before starting up the grade towards Paonia. Attorney Nerlin stated that is in the County's jurisdiction and the Town can't really help them with that project.
17. Department Reports
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that the streets were mostly finished except for the sidewalk in front of Duck Works. Mike said that the Lift Station has had some problems with the pumps that had to be fixed and the cost has been \$6,000 so far and there was still one more pump to fix. This was not in the budget but the problem has to be fixed. There were no further questions for Mike.
Deputy Chad Lloyd filled in for Marshal Miller during this meeting. Deputy Lloyd reported that there was a home invasion that is still being investigated but everything else seems to be running smoothly. There were no further questions for Deputy Lloyd.
18. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
Tom Wills stated that the parking problem was discussed. The Colorado Grand will be back in Town on September 18 at the Delta County Fairgrounds.
19. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz said that his term on the Gunnison River Basin Roundtable is expiring. He represented the Delta County Municipalities. He encouraged anyone interested to look into it. Principal Carrie Yantzer told Mayor Koontz that they are still planning on having the Zombie Fun Run by Halloween.
The Work Session and Training that will be held on September 29th with Attorney Nerlin. He will cover several issues. Attorney Nerlin said that he will be bringing a new Associate with him to help with the training and to address the Board. The training will cover; 1) Legislative Updates, 2) Ex parte communication and cell phone use, 3) Roberts Rules or Order.
20. Town Clerk Report
Deputy Clerk Ginger Redden reported that the Work Session on September 29 would also involve a short Town meeting to cover a public hearing for Dan Bolton's livestock variance and the discussion and possible awarding of the trash contract bids. Ginger also reported that the Severance Tax and Mineral Leasing Tax will be coming through by the end of the month. Severance Tax was budgeted as \$15,000 and came in at \$24,960. Mineral Leasing was budgeted at \$20,000 and came in at \$22,720.
21. Upcoming Events/Schedule
September 23 is the next Planning Commission Meeting
Hotchkiss High School's Homecoming will be October 9th
22. New Business
There was no new business.
23. Consideration of Bills
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve payment of all bills, Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
24. Adjournment
Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Redden, Deputy Town Clerk