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Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

January 14, 2016

1. Those present were Mayor Wendell Koontz, Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Wingfield, Lindee Cantrell, Jim Roberts, Larry Jakubiak and Tom Wills. Dustyn Foster was absent.
2. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Mayor Wendell Koontz reading a quote from Theodore Roosevelt.
3. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes for December 10, 2015
Larry Jakubiak moved to accept the minutes as read. Tom Wills seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor. Larry Jakubiak wanted to take a moment and thank the Town and the volunteers that helped out with the Community Christmas dinner. They had more volunteers than normal despite the blizzard going on.
5. Liquor License Renewal
Pat's Bar and Grill-Pat Medina represented Pat's Bar and Grill. She said that they have had some violations over the past year. Two of the issues were serving alcohol after hours. Since the violations occurred, Pat has installed security cameras that are checked every day and has set the clocks ahead to ensure that these violation will not happen again. Pat has also worked with Liquor Enforcement to reeducate all of her employees.
Attorney Bo Nerlin told that council that the punishment for these violations was a 12 day suspension from serving alcohol with an additional 22 days abated.
Marshal Miller told the Trustees that Pat has corrected these violations and he sees no problems in the future.
Carrie Wingfield moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Pat's Bar and Grill. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with Larry Jakubiak abstaining.

Creamery Arts Center, Inc.
Joanne Tullis represented the Creamery Arts Center. Their Liquor License expired on December 4th and the Town is waiting on one more individual history from a Creamery Arts Center board member. Joanne said that the board member had a family emergency and they would get the history to the Town Hall as soon as they returned.
Attorney Bo Nerlin stated that the license can be approved contingent on conditions set forth in the motion.
Marshal Miller said that there have not been any issues with the Creamery Arts Center.
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for the Creamery Arts Center contingent on the Town Clerk receiving the individual history from the absent Board member.
Carrie Wingfield seconded the motion and it passed with Larry Jakubiak abstaining.
6. Petition for Retail Cannabis Sales for April Ballot-Mary Hockenbery
Mary Hockenbery read the petition and ballot wording to the Trustees saying that some of the citizens of Hotchkiss would like a question put on the ballot for the April 5, 2016 election. The petition has 32 signatures.
Attorney Nerlin said that the petition has not been reviewed by the Clerk's office so it was an informal submission but it is most likely sufficient. If the Trustees choose to put the question on the ballot, a tax question should be added as well.
After several minutes of discussion, it was determined that a work session was needed to come up with the proper wording if the Trustees choose to put it on the ballot in April. If the Trustees choose not to put it on April's ballot a Special Election could be forced by the Citizen's of Hotchkiss and it would cost the Town more money.
Mayor Wendell Koontz opened the meeting for public comment. The majority of the people that made comments were for putting the question on the ballot in the April election.
Town Clerk Marlene Searle told the Board that if the question is put on the ballot for the April election it will cost the Town \$900 since an election was being held anyway. If the question goes to a Special Election it could cost the Town up to \$5000.
Attorney Nerlin said that in a Special Election the Town would not have as much say about the wording on the ballot.
Larry Jakubiak moved to place the ballot question on the April ballot. After some more discussion, Larry amended his motion to direct counsel to prepare a ballot question for

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6. (cont.) the April 5 Municipal election that includes taxation in the event the question passes. Tom Wills seconded the motion and it passed with Jim Roberts abstaining. A Special Meeting and Work Session were scheduled for January 20th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the wording for the ballot question.
7. Farm to Fiddle Festival
Marsy Moore, Lynda Cannon and Amanda Martinez represented the Farm to Fiddle Festival and say that they feel that this Festival will benefit the Community. It will be held the Friday and Saturday at the end of Fair Week in August. A group of people got together to plan the festival and would like to be called Destination Hotchkiss. The Festival would like to request a road closure so that they can have booths and music as well as a Juried Art Show, Outdoor Expo and Demos. They would like to make this an annual event. They are asking the Town to be a Sponsor.
Larry Jakubiak moved to be a Silver Sponsor for the Farm to Fiddle Festival in the amount of \$500. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
8. Ordinance 2016-1 Amendment Water Tap Discussion
The decision was made to table this discussion until the January 20th Special Meeting.
9. Resolution 2016-1 Official Notice Location and Official Newspaper
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve Resolution 2016-1 as read. Carrie Wingfield seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
10. Creative Coalition Update
Joanne Tullis represented the Creative Coalition. She said that the Festival that was held in August was successful and they are planning another one for this year.
After Joanne's update the Board took a 5 minute recess. Trustee Larry Jakubiak left.
11. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Joanne Fagan said that the Sewer Line Replacement Project is moving along but the ground is very muddy and frozen. William's Construction is done with about 20% of the Project. The alleyways are very frozen until afternoon when they thaw and the mud smears and creates ruts. William's is making most of their progress in the afternoons. They are also replacing manholes with no lines that run to them. Engineer Fagan said that they are trying to keep the alleyways passable but they will not be back to normal until the ground is no longer frozen. Local business owner Kim Shay voiced concerns about the alley and the problems that it is causing her store. Engineer Fagan and Mayor Koontz set up a meeting with Kim for Thursday, January 21st at 3:00 p.m. They will meet at her store, Gambles. Public Works Director Mike Owens will also attend the meeting.
12. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
Mayor Koontz said that this report has not been approved in Washington D.C. yet. They are hoping to have it approved in March.
13. Downtown Improvements Discussion
Mary Hockenbery stated that they are getting ready to start planning for the flowers for the coming year. Mary also said that they are down a volunteer for taking care of the flowers so if anyone would like to help they can contact her.
14. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
No meeting held.
15. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Sharon Schmidt stated that there will be a Public Hearing at the next Planning Commission Meeting on January 27th at 6:30 p.m. regarding the Mobile Home Regulations update. Tom Wills said that they will also be reviewing the Master Plan at the January 27th meeting.

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16. Leroux Creek Planning Update
No meeting was held.
17. Five Minute Public Appearance
Sharon Schmidt said that she would like to thank the snow plow drivers. They have been out at 5:30 a.m. to start clearing snow and she really appreciates their hard work.
Jane Wills said that she is glad to live in Hotchkiss since it is such a diverse community.
18. Department Reports
Marshal Miller said that there is a new Reserve Officer for the Town of Hotchkiss. His name is Mitchell Peretti and he is currently undergoing Field Training with the Deputies and is doing it for free. Officer Peretti's goal is to be a full time officer and has to complete 180 to 190 Field Training hours. This is his third week and he has passed all of his tests.
The body cameras that Marshal Miller ordered are here and Attorney Nerlin was given the policy to review. The cameras are in use and the information off of them will be stored on the server for 120 days unless the evidence needs to be kept for longer. In the case that it needs to be kept longer it is transferred to a disc and put into an evidence locker.
The Police Department will be continuing their education taking at least 20 hours in the first quarter of the year.
19. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
None given.
20. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz thanked the Marshal's Office for the work on the Santa Program.
The Scholarship package has gone to the High School for the Seniors that are interested.
Interviews will be held in March and the winners will be announced at the combined High School meeting in April on the 14th.
21. Town Clerk Report
Town Clerk Marlene Searle said that the Municipal Election will be held on April 5th. We have four seats available and 6 candidates running. The election will be a mail ballot coordinated with the County.
Hanson Mesa Water Board would like to set a meeting with the Trustees to discuss the sale of additional water taps on Hanson Mesa. A meeting was set for Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
22. Upcoming Events/Schedule
Mayor Koontz wished Carrie Wingfield a late happy birthday and Lindee Cantrell an early happy birthday.
There is a CML conference in Vail in June for any interested Trustees.
A Soil Health Conference will be held at Bill Heddles Recreation Center February 11 and 12.
Seed sorting at the library January 26th from 4 to 6 p.m.
Monday February 1st will be a meeting for the discussion of the Fairgrounds use.
Jim Roberts had a complaint that some of the sidewalks in Town are not being shoveled after the snow falls that we have had.
23. New Business
Tom Wills stated that the owner of the Hotchkiss Hotel made a complaint to him about Elite Auto parking the cars that they are working on in his parking lot as well as on both sides of the street. Attorney Nerlin said that he would visit with Mike Owens about getting it taken care of.
24. Consideration of Bills
Carrie Wingfield moved to pay the bills as presented. Lindee Cantrell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

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25. Adjournment

Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Carrie Wingfield seconded the motion and it was passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger Redden, Deputy Town Clerk