

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

February 8, 2018

1. Mayor Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quote from Thomas Jefferson. Those present were Pat Medina, Jim Roberts, John Marta, Lindee Cantrell and Tom Wills. Absent was Mary Hockenbery.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for January 11, 2018
Jim Roberts moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Wills seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
4. Public Hearing-Thesa Callinicos & Patrick Webb, Guinea Hen Variance Request
Thesa Callinicos told the Board that they have six (6) guinea hens and have had them for three (3) years. They originally got the hens to help decrease the grasshoppers around their home. The guinea hens have helped reduce the amount of grasshoppers by 2/3. They are cooped up at night and are being trained to stay on their property.
Mayor Koontz opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. Georgia Hopper, a neighbor of Thesa and Patrick's, spoke in favor of the hens. No one spoke against the keeping of the guinea hens. Mayor Koontz closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.
Tom Wills said that there were some concerns about allowing the guinea hens to wander freely. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this variance with a review after eight (8) months, keeping the hens on their property, they can have a maximum of six (6) hens and if any complaints arise, this matter will be revisited to discuss the options.
Tom Wills moved to approve the variance request with the above recommendations from the Planning Commission. Pat Medina seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
5. Swearing in of New Deputy Marshal Brandon Garcia
Mayor Koontz swore in the new Deputy, Brandon Garcia, and welcomed him and his family to Hotchkiss.
6. Liquor License Renewal-Creamery Arts Center
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for the Creamery Arts Center. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

PJ's Pub (JohnnyDog, LLC)
Lindee Cantrell moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for JohnnyDog, LLC doing business as PJ's Pub. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
7. Donation Request-Farm to Fiddle Festival
Lynda Cannon said that the Farm to Fiddle Festival had a great year in 2017. There were over 70 vendors and lots of activities added that encouraged children to participate as well. They will have the Navajo Taco fundraiser again this year on March 16.

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7. (cont.) Marsy Moore stated that last year the Town helped with the insurance portion for the Festival and that helped a lot. They are working with the Apple Fest Committee from Cedaredge and are hoping to share their vendor lists.
Town Clerk Marlene Searle said that last year the cost was under \$300 to put the Farm to Fiddle Festival as a rider on the Town's insurance.
Lindee Cantrell said that cash is also needed by the Festival.
John Marta moved to approve the Town putting the Farm to Fiddle Festival as a rider on the insurance again this year as well as a cash donation to total not more than \$450. Jim Roberts seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
8. Region 10-Michelle Haynes
Michelle Haynes said that in the Town of Hotchkiss Region 10 funds the area Agency on Aging that helps keep elderly people in their homes. They help with transportation, meals and homemaking. Region 10 also offers small business services and counseling. They are leveraging resources to make the communities stronger. They are working with DMEA (Delta Montrose Electric Association) and Elevate to get anchor points established for Broad Band and get the Towns connected. They are hoping to have this accomplished by June.
The Colorado Main Street Program is another area of Hotchkiss that Region 10 is working with. The Town of Hotchkiss did receive a Small Change grant from Region 10 but the timeline was too short for the Town to accomplish everything that was required.
9. Resolution 2018-05-Double J Landfill Rate Increase
Tom Wills moved to approve Resolution 2018-05, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado, adopting rates for in-Town collection of refuse and garbage. Pat Medina seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
10. Ordinance 2018-01-Court Fees Increase-1st Reading
This Ordinance is an Ordinance setting the Town of Hotchkiss Administrative Court costs and raising the costs from \$25 to \$50. The second reading will be at the March meeting.
11. Street Tree Application Discussion
This item will be discussed in the April meeting under old business before the new Board is sworn in. A tree list as well as the application for the owner of the trees will be discussed.
12. Water Shares Discussion
This item was tabled until the March meeting.

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13. February 28 Town Meeting for Possible Award-5:45 p.m.
The Pre-bid meeting will be next Tuesday in the afternoon. The paperwork for the DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) grant has been received and Mayor Koontz signed it tonight. The Town received debt forgiveness on the Water Tank Project loan for the amount of \$370,578, more than half of the loan itself.
The Board decided to have a Special Meeting on February 28th at 5:45 p.m., before the Planning Commission meeting. The bids will be discussed and Attorney Nerlin will have a funding Ordinance for the Water Tank Project ready for a first reading. The bid opening is scheduled for February 22.
14. Lorah Lane Adoption Discussion
Public Works Director Mike Owens is currently on vacation and Attorney Nerlin asked that this item be revisited by the Board sometime after the election in April.
15. 2017 Audit Information
Auditor Pete Blair and Associates is currently working on the audit and will have a report available soon.
16. April 3rd Election
A Candidate forum will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce the first week of March.
17. Colorado Main Street Update
No meeting was held.
18. Five Minute Public Appearance
Pat Sunderland of the Delta County Independent said that she is looking forward to the election.
19. Town Engineer Report
The paperwork for the sewer project is being wrapped up and should be complete by the next meeting.
20. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
No meeting was held.
21. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Tom Wills said that the next meeting will be held on February 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Maloney House.

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22. Department Reports

Marshal Miller said that Deputy Garcia will start work next week. The SUV is being repaired and once the new car arrives, the SUV will be donated to a Town in Colorado that needs one. The new signs are working great but 80% of the people that drive into Town are still speeding as they go by the sign.

Public Works Director Mike Owens is on vacation.

23. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update

The Master Plan was reviewed and there will be a Public Hearing at the February 28th meeting. Copies of the Master Plan are available at the Town Hall for anyone wanting to look at it. The Planning Commission should have it ready for possible adoption by the Board at the April meeting.

24. Hotchkiss Chamber Update

The last meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held on February 14th at the library.

25. Mayor's Report

The Citizen Newsletter is available. The scholarship will be awarded at the March meeting which will be held at the High School. Pat Medina said that she would be happy to help with the choosing of the recipients.

Tony Vervloet is the new County oil and gas representative.

DCED (Delta County Economic Development) would like to be on the March agenda.

May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. the Town Hall will have a Corner Stone ceremony put on by the Mason's. When the building was built, a corner stone was never placed.

26. Town Clerk Report

John Marta said that the roof on the Senior Citizen side of the building had a leak. They hired the Silver Leaf Company to look at it and the cost was \$1600 to fix it. The Senior Center has decided to pay for it. Town Clerk Marlene Searle told John that if they changed their mind there are some funds available.

27. Upcoming Events/Schedule

Mayor Koontz told the Board that at the end of January a letter of support was written for a grant being applied for by the NFAA (North Fork Ambulance Association).

February 10th-Creamery Reopens

February 13th-HHS Mock Interviews

February 13th-Prebid meeting for the Water Tank Project

February 22nd-Bid Openings at 3:00 p.m.

February 22nd & 23rd- Soils Health Conference at the old Middle School in Delta

February 28th-Special Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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27. (cont.) March 6th or 7th-Candidate Forum
March 8th-Meeting at HHS (Hotchkiss High School) pictures at 6:00 p.m.
March 16th-Farm to Fiddle Navajo Taco Fundraiser
28. New Business
None
29. Possible Items for the Next Agenda
Elyse Casselberry-County Master Plan Update
Nature Connection
30. Consideration of Bills
John Marta moved to approve all bills as presented. Lindee Cantrell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
31. Lindee Cantrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Pat Medina seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk