

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

March 8, 2018

1. Mayor Wendell Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at HHS. Those present were Patricia Medina, Mary Hockenbery, Tom Wills and John Marta and HHS Student Government students. Lindee Cantrell and Jim Roberts were not present. Quotes were read by Mayor Koontz and HHS student Morgan Miller.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Minutes for February 8th and 28th were reviewed.
Tom Wills moved to approve the minutes for February 8, 2018, seconded by Patricia Medina, passed with all in favor.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the minutes for February 28th 2018, seconded by John Marta, passed with all in favor.
4. Hotchkiss High School (HHS) Student Government members were introduced; George Arroyo, Kenny Drbohlav, Morgan Miller, Sam Rodriguez, Adam Smith and Jace Peebles. Also introduced were HHS Principal Rodriguez and school board member Mr. Hypio. The Hotchkiss Board of Trustees introduced themselves.
5. HHS Good News
Morgan Miller reported on HHS winter sports.
6. Mayor Koontz presented the 2018 Town of Hotchkiss and Community Spirit Scholarships for volunteerism in the community to Morgan Miller who will attend Texas Tech University and Sam Rodriguez who will be attending Colorado College.
7. Street Closure Requests
Brandon Dowell, representing Duckworks, requested closure of 3rd Street from Bridge Street to the alley for their annual customer appreciation BBQ on March 16, 2018.
John Marta moved to approve the closure, seconded by Tom Wills, passed with all in favor.

Terry Pagone, representing Hotchkiss Home Plate 5K Fun Run fundraiser, requested closure of Hotchkiss Avenue at Pinon from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. on May 13, 2018. The fundraiser is to support summer baseball and softball programs.
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the street closure request, seconded by Patricia Medina, passed with all in favor.
8. Donation Request
Lenore Cambria, North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation Administrator, requested a \$ 500.00 donation for the two year ball fields project. They have applied for funding from GOCO and should know by March 15th on their request. In 2018 they will be completing dirt work,

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8. (continued) sprinkler system and the planting of grass. They have applied for additional grants to complete fencing, dug outs and backstops.
Approximately 90 children play summer ball that now use the fields at the Delta County Fairgrounds.
Tom Wills moved to donate \$500, to be paid to NFPPR when the GOCO grant is received, seconded by John Marta, passed with all in favor.
9. Region 10 Redi Grant Support Letter
Mary Hockenbery told the Trustees this letter is to DOLA in support of a grant applied for by Region 10 to hire a consultant to gather information on Hotchkiss downtown and economic development.
Tom Wills moved to approve the support letter, with no Town funding at this time, seconded by Patricia Medina, passed with all in favor.
10. Delta County Master Plan - Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry
Moved to April meeting.
11. Nature Connection Update
Anita Evans thanked the Trustees for their support. Ms Evans reported that Hotchkiss is scheduled for Central Gear Hub with Mountain Bike trails, Pump Track, Low Ropes Challenge Course, Delta County River Access, StoryWalk, HHS Climbing Boulder, and Shade structures. The Gear Hub and all gear will be complete by this summer. The spec's for the other items are being prepared now.
12. Ordinance 2018-02 - 2nd Reading for the Loan from CWRPDA for the Water Tank Project as an Emergency
Attorney Nerlin explained the Ordinance required to receive funding from CWRPDA and the emergency clause.
Tom Wills moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 as an emergency, seconded by Mary Hockenbery, passed with all in favor.

Ordinance 2018-01
Attorney Nerlin explained the need for increased Court Fees.
Tom Wills moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-01, seconded by Mary Hockenbery, passed with all in favor.
13. Marijuana Update
Attorney Nerlin and Deputy McDonald reviewed the laws and regulations pertaining to the use of marijuana in the State of Colorado. The Town of Hotchkiss has Ordinances preventing Retail and Medical Marijuana shops/businesses in Town. The school or the police handle cases of drug infractions at school depending on the circumstances.

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13. (continued) Principal Rodriguez stated if an HHS student is found in possession of or the use of an illegal drug, the punishment can be suspension, expulsion, and no participation in activities. The School District does provide counseling for minors in possession.
14. Five Minute Public Appearance
Mr. Hypio, School Board member, stated the students are concerned about the use of marijuana and other drugs and are taking a proactive approach. They will be conducting seminars to help students with the pressures of drug use.

Larry Wilkening reminded everyone about the upcoming election and to get out and vote.
15. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Fagan reported the water tank project has been rebid with two different schedules. Sealed bids are due by 3/28/18.
Engineer Fagan reported the State Health Department has approved the effluent line at the sewer ponds and she will proceed with the bid process. The funding is in place with the current grant from DOLA. The Town's portion of the project will be \$45,000 to \$50,000.
16. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
Patricia Medina reported there was not a meeting.
17. Leroux Creek Planning Update
Tom Wills reported a joint meeting was held with Delta County.
He reported the County master plan is proceeding and getting close to completion.
18. Department Reports
Marshal Miller reported that Deputy Garcia is progressing fast and is doing a good job.

Director of Public Works Mike Owen's, reported a brush hog has been ordered, snow pack is low this year and may create a water shortage this summer. Greg Allen has resigned and his last day is 3/9/18. Mike will be completing interviews and hopes to hire by the end of March.
19. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills reported the public hearing for the master plan was held and the Planning Commission will consider adoption by Resolution at the 3/28/18 meeting.
20. Hotchkiss Chamber of Commerce Update
The Chambers is looking for new board members to replace those that are leaving.
Flowers will again be planted this summer.

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21. Mayor's Report
Mayor Koontz said the annual highway cleanup will be May 4th starting a 10:00 a.m. at Hotchkiss K8. Pizza at the fairgrounds and back to class by 12:30 p.m.
CDOT is doing a bridge repair on HWY 92 going out to HHS.
22. Town Clerk Report
No report
23. Upcoming Events
HHS Spring sports started 2/26
HHS Labor Auction 3/21
HHS Play 3/22 & 3/23
HHS Graduation 5/22 at 7:00 p.m.
Navajo Taco Farm to Fiddle Fundraiser 3/16
Events at Hotchkiss Historical Society 3/17 & 4/17
Creamery Arts Opening 3/9
Sheep Dog Trials 5/11,12,13
Town Trustee Meeting 4/12
24. New Business
None
25. Possible Items for next agenda
None
26. Consideration of Bills
Mary Hockenbery moved to approve a bills, seconded by Tom Wills, passed with all in favor.
27. Adjournment
Patricia Medina move to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by John Marta, passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene F. Searle,
Town Clerk

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