

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

September 13, 2018

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Those present were Esther Koontz, Sheila Maki, Mary Hockenbery, John Marta and Pat Medina.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consent Agenda

Minutes for August 16, 2018

Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the above minutes as presented. Sheila Maki seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Liquor License Renewal-Tucker's Pizza Pub and Arcade

Esther Koontz moved to approve the above noted Liquor License renewal. Pat Medina seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Consideration of Bills

John Marta moved to approve paying the bills as submitted. Esther Koontz seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

3. Public Comment

Tom Wills stated that he is strongly supportive of the new Public Works building and would like the Town to implement solar panels on the building at the time it is built rather than in the future.

Charlie Overstreet told the Board that since he was here last month he has eliminated a lot more of the thistles and weeds on his property. His main complaint again tonight was that his neighbors did not seem to be doing anything about their weeds and he is concerned he will have more blowing into his yard. Mayor Wilkening told Charlie that he had driven by both houses and everything looked really good. The Ordinance says that the weeds need to be managed. As of now everything looks good and there is no sense in making a potential problem out of one that has not arisen yet.

Mayor Wilkening thanked Mr. Overstreet for all of the work he has done on his property and told him that it looked great.

4. Old Business

Discussion of the Sale of the Public Works Building-222 W. Bridge Street

Attorney Nerlin cautioned the Board that the only items that can be talked about in this discussion are the condition of the building and any safety concerns associated with it. Some of the topics discussed included ingress and egress safety, energy efficiency and lack of storage. Mayor Wilkening distributed a list of concerns as well.

Farm to Fiddle Festival Update

None.

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5. Public Hearings
Roya Beklik-Zoning Use Change Request for Storage Shed Rental Units
Rescheduled to the November meeting.

6. New Business
North Fork Pool and Recreation District Update-Lenore Cambria and Niki Richardson
Lenore told the Board that all of the Grants that the North Fork Pool and Recreation District applied for were received. They are hoping to get the dirt work for the new baseball and softball fields done in the Fall. The bike trails by Hotchkiss High School are very popular and a climbing wall is being built at the Elementary School. Currently the tennis courts in Paonia are being cleaned up after a flash flood and there is a skate park in Paonia.
Lenore thanked the Town for the support that has been given to the Recreation District and said that they are hopeful for more activities in the future. There will be a question on the November Ballot to increase the Mill Levy for the District and Lenore and Niki encouraged people to vote to support that increase.

Tim Reed-459 E. Bridge Street-Trailer Court Questions
Rescheduled to the October meeting.

Ordinance 2018-05-Possible First Reading of Growing Marijuana and Minor in Possession
Attorney Nerlin told the Board that the concerns from the last meeting have been addressed and Marshal Miller was fine with the changes made. After several minutes of discussion and more concerns discussed, Attorney Nerlin said that all concerns would be addressed for the final reading in October.

Pat Medina moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-05 an Ordinance of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado regarding the growing of Marijuana and the sale and Possession of Marijuana by a Minor with concerns being addressed in the final reading at the October meeting. Esther Koontz seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion of Developing a Municipal Fiscal and Reserves Policy

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that a policy stating that the Town has reserves and specifying an amount would be helpful in applying for Grant money. Attorney Nerlin said that it would reflect why we keep the reserves in place. Mayor Wilkening asked for a volunteer to meet with him and the staff to determine the level of the reserves needed. John Marta volunteered to help with this policy.

Resolution 2018-9-Adoption of Municipal Records Retention and Archives Policy

Attorney Nerlin explained this Resolution to the Board and said that the State now requires this policy.

Esther Koontz moved to approve Resolution 2018-9 a Resolution of the Town of Hotchkiss Affirming the Model Municipal Records Retention Schedule as the Record Retention Schedule for the Town. Sheila Maki seconded and it passed with all in favor.

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6. New Business (cont.)
Resolution 2018-10 Opposing Amendment 74A-A Resolution Opposing An Attempt to Drastically Limit State and Local Government Services at a High Cost to Taxpayers
Attorney Nerlin explained that Amendment 74A is a citizen's initiative and could open the Town up to fiscal liability. Colorado Municipal League (CML) and several other entities are against it and this would allow the Town to send objections to the paper and support CML.
Esther Koontz moved to approve Resolution 2018-10 A Resolution Opposing "Amendment 74A", an Attempt to Amend the Colorado Constitution to Drastically Limit State and Local Government Services at a High Cost to Taxpayers. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Mobile Home Regulations-Review and Discussion

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that most of the Ordinance is fine there are just a few places that need to be addressed and updated. One of the areas is the age that a mobile home can be when it is moved into Town. Currently anything 1976 or newer is acceptable. A maximum age should be determined as well as some Travel Trailer items to update. There is also some language clarifications that need to be discussed.

The Board will get any amendment considerations to the Town Staff and a revision of this Ordinance will be worked on.

7. Staff Reports
Town Engineer Report
Engineer Joanne Fagan said that progress is being made on the Water Tank Project. The last four days have seen a lot of improvement. It was decided that the Board will meet at the Water Tank Project on October 11th at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Town Marshal's Report

Nothing to add to the written report.

Town Public Works Report

Public Works Director Mike Owens has been on vacation until a couple of days ago. The new Public Works Technician is Bobby Woods whom recently moved here from Texas.

Town Clerk's Report

Deputy Town Clerk Ginger Redden reported that the Town received notice on what it will receive from Severance Tax and Mineral Leasing. Severance Tax is \$3,659.40 and Mineral Leasing is \$3,265.33. Both line items being well below what was budgeted for 2018.

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8. Committee Reports

Sheila Maki said that the Planning Commission had a Public Hearing with Roya Beklik and the Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board when Roya Beklik comes before the Board in November.

Esther Koontz said that the Leroux Creek Planning did not have a meeting but there was a joint meeting with the County Planning Commission that was DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) training to review the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that the Town has with the County. Esther also said that this is City and Town's week and handed out thank you cards and a little gift to the staff to show appreciation for all that they do.

Pat Medina said that there was a Delta County Housing Authority meeting this morning that she was not able to attend. She did hand out paperwork from the meeting and Mayor Wilkening said that he attended and explained some of what was discussed.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilkening attended the Chamber of Commerce Merchant meeting, employee retention was discussed.

Mary Hockenbery and the Mayor attended an Open House for Region 10 in Montrose and all of the refreshments came from the North Fork area.

Mayor Wilkening, Esther Koontz and Planning Commission Chair Sean Cantrell attended the Delta County Planning Commission's IGA training.

Mayor Wilkening watched a webinar put on by the Colorado River District to review water rights.

Mayor Wilkening visited the Water Tank Project a couple of times last week and Leonard McCulloch did a great job in Public Works Director Mike Owens' absence.

The Board is accepting letters of interest for the open position on the Board and will be advertising in the DCI (Delta County Independent).

Mike Savarro wrote a thank you letter to the Town and said that people honored the signs that he put out during the Farm to Fiddle Festival.

10. Possible Items for the Next Agenda

Meet at the Water Tank Project at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session Scheduling

11. Adjournment

Pat Medina moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Sheila Maki seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk