

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

May 14, 2020

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken and those present were Mary Hockenbery (call in), Jim Wingfield, Esther Koontz, Patrick Webb, and John Marta. Absent was Pat Medina.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2020

Esther Koontz noted that on page three (3) #7, John's last name should be Marta not Martha and also there is no end time for the Executive Session in #8.

Mayor Wilkening noted that on page two (2) #6 the setback is ten (10) feet from the end of the commercial building and eight and a half feet (8 1/2) from the end of the trailer.

Jim Wingfield moved to approve the minutes with the above noted corrections. Mary Hockenbery seconded. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2020

Esther Koontz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2020

John Marta moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Esther Koontz. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2020

Esther Koontz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Esther Koontz moved to approve payment of all bills as presented, seconded by Jim Wingfield. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

BUILDING CODE UPGRADE ORDINANCE-2020-02 POSSIBLE FIRST READING

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that the 2018 Building Code has a possible exception to building permits for decks. The new Ordinance may be changed to make sure that it includes decks needing a building permit. He asked Attorney Nerlin if changes could still be made to an Ordinance after the second reading and Attorney Nerlin said that changes can be made and published as amended. It was noted that the Board has not seen the new Building Code Ordinance yet but would like to have it passed as a first reading.

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5. OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

BUILDING CODE UPGRADE ORDINANCE 2020-02

Jim Wingfield move to approve Ordinance 2020-02 an Ordinance of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado, repealing and replacing certain provisions of chapter X of the Hotchkiss Municipal code to update building regulations and to adopt by reference certain 2018 international code council books and amendments thereto as a first reading, seconded by Esther Koontz. A verbal vote was taken motion passed.

DISASTER DECLARATION EXTENSION DISCUSSION

Mayor Wilkening reminded the Board that the Disaster Declaration was extended to May 15th at the previous meeting and if another extension is needed it would need to be done at this meeting. It was also noted that Resolution 2020-02 allows virtual meetings and if the Disaster Declaration was not extended but the Board still wanted to have virtual meetings another Resolution could be adopted. Also discussed was the fact that if there was not a Resolution in place declaring a disaster and the Town had expenses associated with the disaster, Federal funding would not be available.

Patrick Webb moved to extend the disaster declaration to June 12th, 2020, seconded by Esther Koontz. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

Attorney Nerlin will draw up the Resolution for the extension and send it to the Town Clerk's Office in the morning. Once it is signed it will be forwarded to the County.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-TACO HUT

Jim Wingfield moved to approve the above noted Liquor License renewal, seconded by John Marta. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

MAYOR APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE TO PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mayor Wilkening encouraged the Board to let him know if anyone had an interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission.

John Marta moved to table this item until the June meeting, seconded by Jim Wingfield. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

DELTA COUNTY BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN FUND DISCUSSION

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that the County through the Commissioners was creating a fund to help small businesses in the area to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Region 10 will be in charge of taking applications and administering the money. It will have strict criteria and the money can only to be used for expenses caused during the pandemic, no old debt can be paid with it.

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7. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

DELTA COUNTY BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN FUND DISCUSSION

There is a \$5,000.00 limit to each loan and if it is repaid it will have a low interest rate. The Town can contribute money if the Board would like but there would be no guarantee where the money will be given.

After several minutes of discussion the Board would like to look into the Town creating something like this if at all possible for the businesses in the Town of Hotchkiss. The Clerk's Office will contact the Auditor, Pete Blair to see if it is possible.

TRUSTEE TRAINING DISCUSSION

The Trustee training this year has been postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Attorney Nerlin stated that there are some great workshops online hosted by CML (Colorado Municipal League) that are worth watching until we can have the training in house. There is a possibility that a date could be set in September.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Esther Koontz moved to go into an Executive Session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy of negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(e) pertaining to the Public Works Shop Project, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed. The time was 7:39

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

Mayor Larry Wilkening read the following;

The time is now 7:54 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were; Mayor Larry Wilkening, Patrick Webb, Mary Hockenbery, Esther Koontz, John Marta, Jim Wingfield, Attorney Bo Nerlin, Deputy Town Clerk Ginger Redden, Public Works Director Mike Owens, and Engineer Joanne Fagan.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record. Seeing none, the next agenda item is....

14. ADJOURNMENT

John Marta moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Jim Wingfield. A verbal vote was taken, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk