

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

February 11, 2021

Zoom Meeting

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Verbal roll call was taken and those present were Mary Hockenbery, Patrick Webb, Jim Wingfield, Pat Medina and John Marta. Absent was Kris Hillman

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2020

John Marta moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mary Hockenbery seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Pat Medina moved to approve all bills as presented, John Marta seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2021-02 BUILDING CODE RATE STRUCTURE FEE

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that in December the discussion was reopened with the thought that this number might not be enough and this item was tabled until the January meeting. During the January meeting the amount of 80% was agreed upon and passed by the Board. This Resolution is to set the amount for new buildings.

Mary Hockenbery moved to approve Resolution 2021-02 a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado setting building permit fees, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

HOTCHKISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE/ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE-  
KIM SHAY

Kim Shay was not present. Mary Hockenbery told the Board on behalf of Kim that the Charging stations will be installed in March.

Mayor Wilkening told the Board that One Delta County moved their meeting dates to have one every two (2) months instead of every month and they are focusing on opportunity zones in the County. They also received a designation from the State for a marble company to get State funding for teaching computer lathe operations at the Technical College of the Rockies. This company will have up to 50 job positions once it is up and running.

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5. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

FIRE MOUNTAIN AND OVERLAND WATER SHARES SEALED BID OPENING  
FIRE MOUNTAIN WATER SEALED BIDS

Town Clerk Ginger Redden opened the sealed bids for the Fire Mountain Water Shares. Three bids were taken:

Kyle Pitt \$932.80 + \$500.00 per year for five (5) years for a total of \$1432.80 a year  
Kelly Lyon and Melinda Lyon Bell \$1484.00 per year for two (2) years  
Baker Ranch LLC \$2603.36 per year for two (2) years

Mary Hockenbery moved to accept the bid for 848 shares of Fire Mountain Water to lease for two (2) years in the amount of \$2603.36 per year to Baker Ranch LLC, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting “Yes”, motion passed.

OVERLAND WATER SEALED BIDS

Town Clerk Ginger Redden opened the sealed bids for the Overland Water Shares. Three bids were taken:

Edward Tuft \$18.00 per share for the 300 shares. In the event that there is another offer that is higher he will increase his bid by \$1.00 a share above any competing offer up to the purchase price of \$23.00 per share.

Matt Todd \$3,000.00 per year for two (2) years

David Kuntz for the cost of the annual assessments and loan payment for two (2) years

After several minutes of discussion about the bids Patrick Webb moved to reject all bids and put the Overland Water Shares out to bid again accepting sealed bids to be opened at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Pat Medina. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting “Yes”, motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry O’Brien told the Board that the new website looks excellent. Mayor Wilkening and Town Clerk Ginger Redden said that Deputy Town Clerk Karen Laing did the work and gave her kudos.

7. NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF TOWN WATER TAP REQUESTS-POLL ODLE LAND DEVELOPMENT  
COMPANY

John Odle put in applications to purchase three (3) out of town water taps for the address of 35971 Back River Road. Public Works Director Mike Owens told the Board that this property was ½ of a mile from the water mains in that area and to have more taps, the mains would have to be changed from a two inch (2”) main to a six inch (6”) main.

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7. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

There is low pressure in that area already and there is no guarantee that there will be enough pressure to supply new taps. The Town of Hotchkiss may be looking at a tight water year as it is and new taps may not be a good idea. Upgrading from the two inch (2") main to the six inch (6") main is also an expensive undertaking and any developer would be responsible for the cost.

John Odle said that low pressure is a concern for him.

Jim Wingfield moved to deny the request for the out of Town water taps until the Town can be sure that they can supply the water needed once the tap is sold, seconded by Mary Hockenbery.

A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

John Odle asked that he be kept informed if anything changes.

### LETTER OF SUPPORT-NORTH FORK EMS GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Wilkening read the letter to the Board.

John Marta moved to approve the letter of support for the North Fork EMS grant application, seconded by Mary Hockenbery. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

### LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-JOHNNYDOG LLC, DBA PJ'S PUB

Jim Wingfield moved to approve the above noted Liquor License renewal, seconded by Pat Medina. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

### DOUBLE J DISPOSAL LANDFILL FEE INCREASE-RACHEL LEONARD

Rachel told the Board that as of January 1<sup>st</sup> the County increased the landfill fees by 13%. She needs to increase the fees paid to them by the Town but is only increasing them by the bare minimum. She submitted two (2) proposals. One is a rate change for the customers and the other is a 4% surcharge that Double J would charge the Town monthly.

Mayor Wilkening asked Town Clerk Ginger Redden which proposal would work best and was told that the rate changes for the customer would be the best for the Town.

Jim Wingfield moved to adopt the proposed rate fee increase for the customers of the Town of Hotchkiss, seconded by Mary Hockenbery. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

### RESIGNATION OF KRIS HILLMAN FROM THE BOARD

Mayor Wilkening asked the Board how they would like to handle filling the seat vacated by Kris Hillman due to health issues.

Jim Wingfield moved to have the staff advertise for the position in the local paper (Delta County Independent), on the Town website and on Facebook, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting "Yes", motion passed.

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7. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)  
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS  
Mayor Wilkening wished all of the employees and staff that have birthdays this month a Happy Birthday. February birthdays include: Jim Wingfield, Marvin Jackson and Bruce Stanley.
8. ADJOURNMENT  
Pat Medina moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m., seconded by Jim Wingfield. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting, "Yes". Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Town Clerk