

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

April 8, 2021

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wilkening called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll call was taken and those present were Mary Hockenbery, Patrick Webb, Jim Wingfield, Pat Medina (calling in) and John Marta. Absent was Sven Edstrom.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2021

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

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

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

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN 607 AND 615 JUNIPER STREET-GLEN AND MARY WADLEY

Due to a family emergency for the Wadley's, this item was tabled until the May meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS
TOWN CLEAN UP DAY DISCUSSION

The Town clean up day is usually held in conjunction with the Hotchkiss K-8 and Hotchkiss High School on or around Earth Day and the Hotchkiss K-8 indicated that they would like to help again this year.

Thursday, April 22nd was the day chosen for the clean up this year at around 9:00 a.m. Mayor Wilkening will reach out to the High School and Town Clerk Ginger Redden will let Amber Bayles from the Hotchkiss K-8 know.

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

The charging stations for the electric cars have been installed. An application available on the phone tells where the stations are and how you can pay for them by credit card. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. Kim asked Larry to represent the Town in cutting the ribbon. Kim is working with CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) to get a sign out on the highway for the new stations.

One Delta County is working on bringing new businesses into the County and is also working on their website.

The museum is now open on Saturdays and will have extended hours during the Hotchkiss Sheep Camp Stock Dog Trials over Mother's Day weekend.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Wilkening explained that this is for comment only and speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes each.

Karen Lacy told the Board that she is concerned for the safety of pedestrians crossing Bridge Street once the Little Blue Project is underway. The Little Blue Project is slated to start on April 19th and go for eighteen (18) months. CDOT is repairing and expanding the Little Blue Creek Canyon route on Highway 50 between Montrose and Gunnison. Traffic will be detoured to Highway 92 which means that traffic going through Hotchkiss will increase. There are twenty-four (24) cross walks in Town and Karen would like to see more pedestrian crossing signs. There was several minutes of discussion about pedestrian safety and the need for more education.

7. NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF TOWN WATER TAP REQUEST-SHAWNA REED, 1010 HWY 92

Shawna Reed told that Board that they would love to not haul water any more. Public Works Director Mike Owens said that there is plenty of water pressure in that location to support a new tap.

Jim Wingfield moved to approve the above noted Out of Town Water Tap Request at 1010 Highway 92, seconded by Mary Hockenbery. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting “Yes”, motion passed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

At this time Mayor Wilkening moved the Mayor’s report.

The only birthday this month is Don White.

The UTA (University Technical Assistance) Master’s Program Project had 304 responses to a survey that they did. There were several different suggestions of items that could be incorporated into the core area if new businesses or even current businesses can incorporate if they so choose. These ideas would make the down town area look better and more inviting. Mary Hockenbery will supply the Clerk’s office with a link to put on the Town’s website.

West Elk Byway sent a thank you note for their recently received dues from the Town of Hotchkiss.

The Brownfields Program, a program that assesses an area for hazardous waste material, has accepted the Town of Hotchkiss and will hopefully have the assessment done by the end of August for the old Public Works building. There are three other projects in the area that they will coordinate with so that they will all be accomplished about the same time.

Mayor Wilkening attended a meeting with CDOT that discussed the upcoming Little Blue Project. Traffic will be detoured as discussed above in the Public Comment portion. Be prepared if you travel this summer, there is road work going on all over Colorado. CDOT would like to start replacing the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) wheel chair ramps along Bridge Street in 2022.

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7. NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

COFFEE WITH A COP REQUEST-DEPUTY JULIA THOMPSON

Deputy Thompson asked the Board if it would be possible to have a coffee with a cop program once a month or so. She would like to invite all of the Officers in the County and switch locations so that all businesses in Town would benefit and it would bring the Community together.

The Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Kim Shay and Karen Lacy offered to help put up posters and organize it. Kim Shay invited Deputy Thompson to the merchant meetings as well.

Kim told the Board that she appreciated the way that Deputy Thompson responded to a call at Gambles and said the Town needs more Deputies like her.

The Board directed Deputy Thompson to proceed with the organization and planning of the Coffee with a Cop event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jim Wingfield moved to go into an Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice related to an investigation conducted by CIRSA (Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency) under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(b) seconded by Mary Hockenbery. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed. A five (5) minute break was taken before the start of the session. The session was started at 7:19 p.m. At this time due to the Attorney/Client privilege the recording of this meeting was stopped.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The recording of the meeting was turned back on at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Larry Wilkening read the following;

The time is now 7:50 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Mayor Larry Wilkening, Patrick Webb, Mary Hockenbery, Jim Wingfield, Pat Medina, John Marta, Attorney Bo Nerlin, Town Clerk Ginger Redden and Deputy Town Clerk Karen Laing.

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....

POSSIBLE MOTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

No motion made.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Pat Medina moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 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