

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

November 10, 2022

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Wingfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Present were Patrick Webb, John Marta, Pat Medina, Tricia McFarland, Sven Edstrom, and Custer McLeod.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2022

John Marta moved to approve the minutes as presented, Patrick Webb seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Town Clerk Ginger Redden read the additional bills.

Pat Medina moved to approve payment of all bills as presented, John Marta seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mary Hockenbery told the Board about the craft fairs that will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 18th and 19th. The annual Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29th.

ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE

No update given.

EMPLOYEE WAGE SURVEY UPDATE

Mayor Wingfield told the Board that Chris Lowe from GPS (Governmental Professional Solutions) has not received all the information from the different Towns that he surveyed to compare the Town of Hotchkiss to. Mayor Wingfield said that implementing a ten (10) percent increase in all employee wages would help the Town be competitive. The results of the survey should be available soon.

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5. OLD BUSINESS (cont.)

NOVEMBER 8, 2022, ELECTION UPDATE

Mayor Wingfield told the Board that the Marijuana Ballot Question passed with a vote of two hundred fifty-two (252) in favor and one hundred eighty-six (186) against. The Town will accept letters of interests from Marijuana companies that would like to be considered for opening a shop in Town. The shops cannot open until at least July of 2023. This will allow the Town time to propose Ordinances and come up with a plan for the implementation of these shops.

2023 BUDGET UPDATE

HOTCHKISS AVENUE ENGINEERING WITH THE COUNTY DISCUSSION

Mayor Wingfield told the Board that Delta County Commissioner Wendell Koontz would like the Town to put an amount of \$3,000.00 into the Budget for 2023. This amount will split the cost of engineering fees with the County to investigate expanding Hotchkiss Avenue into the Fair Grounds. After several minutes of discussion, the Board had concerns about this item. Some of these concerns were:

The road not being built to Town specs

A gate that would be locked until the County felt it necessary to unlock it

There were not many ways this would benefit the Town

Sven Edstrom moved to table this agenda item until more information is available and the County comes in with a more formal proposal that will start with the Planning Commission, seconded by Pat Medina. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Wills, 159 W Main Street, told the Board that he wanted to bring up the Master Plan again. He has concerns that it was not mentioned in the Budget Work Session. DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) offers grants to help with Master Plan updates. Tom would also like the Town to rearrange the agenda to put Public Comment right after Public Hearings. Tom feels that the Public should be able to comment on items before New Business and those action items are done. On a side note, Tom mentioned that the expansion of Hotchkiss Avenue is in the Master Plan.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting this month. The next meeting will be on December 28th.

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7. MAYOR'S REPORT (cont.)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT-SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT MCARTOR

Chief Scott Green introduced Sergeant McArtor and told the Board that he is a great asset to the Department. Sergeant McArtor told the Board a little bit about himself and introduced his wife and son.

At this time, Chief Green swore in Sergeant McArtor and a short break was taken so that everyone could eat cupcakes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Mike Owens told the Board that he included everything in his written report. Pat Medina asked how many aerators that the Sanitation Plant has. Mike said that there are seven (7). They have been in place since the plant was built and are now getting old enough that they cannot be rebuilt any more. The cost of a new aerator is \$10,000.00.

Mayor Wingfield said that all department heads and their departments are doing a great job.

TOWN HALL UPGRADE UPDATE

The Town is still waiting for the contractor to bring in the plans he has drawn up for the Board to look over.

8. NEW BUSINESS

DONATION REQUESTS

NORTH FORK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pam Bliss told the Board that she has been doing this Christmas party for the last thirty-one (31) years. The Town of Hotchkiss provides a donation of \$250.00 every year that supports four (4) children. This will be the first time in two (2) years that they can have the full party for the children. The past two (2) years have just consisted of handing the bags out. They are excited to be able to offer the full party again.

John Marta moved to approve the donation of \$250.00 to the North Fork Children's Christmas Party, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

HOTCHKISS SHEEP CAMP STOCK DOG TRIALS 2023 SPONSORSHIP

Jolie Clark told the Board that she is taking over the trials. She could not let Richard Bailey's dream and hard work go. She will be doing things a little differently, more like an old-fashioned trial. It will still host people from all over the United States and outside of it. This will be the twentieth (20th) year for the Trials.

Patrick Webb moved to approve the Commercial Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 for the Hotchkiss Sheep Camp Stock Dog Trials for 2023, seconded by Pat Medina. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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8. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE

DELTA COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION-ZACH HOTCHKISS

Zach did not attend the meeting due to the moving of their cattle. Town Clerk Ginger Redden told the Board that this is a yearly event for the Livestock Association and all the paperwork was in order. The event will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Heritage Hall.

Pat Medina moved to approve the above noted Special Events Liquor for the Delta County Livestock Association, seconded by John Marta. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

YEAR END BONUS DISCUSSION

Town Clerk Ginger Redden told the Board that every year around Christmas, the employees and Trustees receive a bonus in City Market gift cards. Employees receive \$250.00 and the Trustees receive \$50.00. These cards help keep the spending local and shows appreciation for the employees and Trustees.

John Marta moved to approve the bonuses for all Town employees and Trustees with employees receiving \$250.00 and Trustees receiving \$50.00, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

OLD PUBLIC WORKS SHOP BUILDING UPDATE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pat Medina moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice and 24-6-402(4)(e) for matters subject to negotiation regarding the possible sale of the Hotchkiss Shop Building, 222 W Bridge Street, Hotchkiss, Colorado, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed. The time was 7:20 p.m.

The recording of the Executive Session was stopped at 7:22 p.m. due to Attorney/Client Privilege.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The recording of the meeting was turned back on at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Wingfield read the following.

The time is now 7:52 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were Mayor Jim Wingfield, Patrick Webb, Tricia McFarland, Pat Medina, John Marta, Sven Edstrom, Custer McLeod, Attorney Bo Nerlin, Larry Wilkening, Mary Hockenbery, Town Clerk Ginger Redden and Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Rodarte.

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....

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8. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)
POSSIBLE MOTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
Patrick Webb moved to continue with the research in regards to approving the applicants for the purchase of the Public Works shop building and continue this item to the December meeting, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT
Pat Medina moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Town Clerk