

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

June 22, 2023

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, Tricia McFarland, John Marta, and Pat Medina. Custer McLeod arrived after the Pledge of Allegiance. Absent was Sven Edstrom.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-TACO HUT

John Marta moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Taco Hut, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

MARIJUANA APPLICATION REVIEW-POSSIBLE APPROVAL-VALLEY HIGH, LLC
Mayor Wingfield went over the rules for the Public Hearing process.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Mayor Wingfield read a letter in opposition of the shop at this location. The letter was from John Steuben, 358 W Hotchkiss Avenue. (Letter is Attached to the Original Minutes)

Tricia McFarland noted that Valley High has a shop in Paonia and there have not been any problems there. Valley High LLC passed a sting operation and is a good business.

John Marta said that if they follow the rules and regulations the business will be good.

Chief Green asked if this would be a full approval of the application. He has not done a thorough background check but will get it accomplished and would like a timeline.

Attorney Nerlin stated that the background check passing can be a condition of the approval if the Board would like the motion to read that way.

Pat Medina was impressed with the application. It was filled out nicely and fully. Pat also stated that 110 Pinon has been cleaned up a lot and is looking nice.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Micah Erickson, owner of Valley High LLC, said that she passed the background in order to open her shop in Paonia. She feels that her business can do a lot for the Town of Hotchkiss. She is improving the outside appearance of the building to make it more welcoming, and she runs a tight ship. The current hours of business in Paonia are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Owner of the building, Tammy Murray showed the Board a diagram of how they would like the outside to look once it is completed. They are widening all the doors in the business to be ADA (Adults with Disabilities Act) compliant as well as making sure that there is handicap parking with a sidewalk that leads to the door. There will be more sales space inside the facility as well as overflow parking outside. There are plans to put a privacy fence on the property line between 110 Pinon and 120 Pinon due to the closeness.

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3. PUBLIC HEARINGS (cont.)

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

The Board voiced concerns about the landscaping with the trees and the safety of the access to and from Pinon. There will be bars on all the windows and an alarm system and cameras as well as shrubs planted underneath the windows. Tammy told the Board that the trees will be dwarf fruit trees and the visibility from Pinon should not be affected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was opened and closed at 6:53 p.m. with no comments for or against.

BOARD DELIBERATION

Attorney Nerlin told the Board that there could be stipulations with the motion for approval if they chose that option. The three (3) that he would advise are:

- 1) The State Background Check comes back clean.
- 2) The Local Background Check comes back clean.
- 3) The Police Department be allowed to inspect the premises within sixty (60) days to check for compliance and security.

Pat Medina moved to approve the Marijuana License at the address of 110 Pinon for Valley High LLC contingent upon the above-mentioned stipulations, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Town Clerk