

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

September 14, 2023

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Wingfield called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A verbal roll call was taken. Present were Patrick Webb, Tricia McFarland, Patricia Medina, and John Marta. Sven Edstrom arrived at 6:40 p.m. Custer McLeod was absent.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2023

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

3. **CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

Town Clerk Ginger Redden read off all additional bills.

Patricia Medina moved to approve payment of all bills; Tricia McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

NORTH FORK MINERS STUDENT COUNCIL- SCHOOL HAPPENINGS UPDATE

Lane Allen and Cece Houseweart were present to talk about Homecoming. The school is doing spirit week and said some of the town businesses are joining in. They explained the themes for the week and said that there would be a parade on Friday at 1:00 p.m. down Bridge Street.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

MCKEE ANNEXATION-POSSIBLE FIRST READING- ORDINANCE 2023-03

Mayor Wingfield read the Public Hearing rules.

BOARD PRESENTATION

The staff deliberated with Mayor Wingfield stating that everything was in order and that it is just going through the motions from here.

APPLICATION PRESENTATION

There was no applicant presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 6:39 p.m.

No public comment was made.

Public comment ended at 6:39 p.m.

BOARD DELIBERATION

Patrick Webb motioned to approve the McKee annexation, Ordinance 2023-03, an Ordinance of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado providing for the annexation of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado, known as the McKee annexation describing the property to be annexed and the terms and conditions to be imposed upon such

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PUBLIC HEARING (cont.)

MCKEE ANNEXATION-POSSIBLE FIRST READING-ORDINANCE 2023-03

BOARD DELIBERATION

annexed property as a first reading, Tricia McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

Sven arrived at 6:40 p.m.

5. OLD BUSINESS

HOTCHKISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE/ONE DELTA COUNTY
UPDATE/ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE -ALEX LAMMERS

Alex Lammers told the Board that Hotchkiss Chamber is transitioning to the North Fork Valley Chamber Board. Alex said that she appreciates the Towns support. Pat Medina told Alex that the meet and greet event at ZenZen Gardens on August 30, 2023, was nice. Alex also stated that there will no longer be a One Delta County update, so that can be taken off the agenda going forward.

EASEMENT VACATION- MARY DIFFRANCO, BOBBY ORLANDO UPDATE

Mayor Wingfield stated that himself, Pat Medina, Town Clerk Ginger Redden, Deputy Town Clerk Ashley Rodarte, Public Works Director Mike Owens, Engineer Joann Fagan, and Ron Alexander went to inspect the easement. Ron Alexander explained to the Board that they needed the property for the wastewater plant. Ron continued with saying that the Smith property became available at that time and the Town decided to purchase the property and easements. The thought on the easements was to give the kids a safe trail to get to the high school without them having to walk along Colorado Highway 92. The wastewater plant was developed, and the trail wasn't developed from there. The Orlando's are asking that the Town to vacate the easement for monetary value. We own the easement and even though we aren't using it now, there may be prospects for it in the future.

PARKING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION UPDATE

Mayor Wingfield said that the work session went well, and the Town will continue to investigate the matter.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wingfield said that the meeting with the second graders at the Town Hall went well. He met with Delta County Commissioner Wendell Koontz about the Miners Trail and that the Town is looking into potholing for water and sewer infrastructure.

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MAYOR REPORT (cont.)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Owens told the Board that he put a letter with his report stating that he was going to a part-time position in October. He said Monday, September 25, will be a busy day with the membranes being delivered, a zoom meeting with Delta County Health Department, and asphaltting High Street and the far east end of Main Street, near the K-8 sports fields.

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Green told the Board that next week will be busy for the Department with it being Homecoming week. The Department has been focusing on traffic for the month. He said that there was an accident earlier today at the intersection of Colorado Highway 92 and Colorado Highway 133, an outcome of failing to yield the right of way.

TOWN HALL UPGRADE INFORMATION

Mayor Wingfield said that the Town Hall Upgrade is just about done. There are a few small tasks to be done and some fixes to address on the Senior side.

8. NEW BUSINESS

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION-TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK-
JAMIE HURST

Jamie Hurst thanked the Board for letting her talk about suicide and doing the proclamation. She said that suicide is the hardest thing to talk about. She went on to talk about the statistics associated with suicide. She thanked the Board again for helping with the stigma that comes along with suicide.

John Marta moved to approve the proclamation to designate September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Hotchkiss, Colorado. Tricia McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE-HOTCHKISS ELKS CLUB

Donna Ferrier represented the Hotchkiss Elks Club, explaining that this event helps raise funds for charity. John Marta said that the event is open to the public.

Pat Medina motioned to approve the Special Event Liquor License for the Hotchkiss Elks Club. Tricia McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2023-02 FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER
COMMUNICATIONS-POSSIBLE FIRST READING

Attorney Bo Nerlin told the Board that this will be continued into next month's meeting for Public Works has concerns that needed to be addressed in the agreement with Charter Communications. He said that the first reading should be ready next month.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

DONATION REQUEST-NORTH FORK COMMUNITY DINNERS-LARRY JAKUBIAK

Pat Medina said that Larry Jakubiak is asking for this year's donation of \$500, \$250 of that donation is for Thanksgiving and the other \$250 is for Christmas dinners. Mayor Winfield said that he would like to see this tradition continued.

John Marta motioned to approve the donation request of \$500 for North Fork Community Dinners, Patrick Webb seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wingfield stated that there were a few handouts in the packets.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley M. Rodarte, Deputy Town Clerk