

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

December 8, 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, Tricia McFarland, Sven Edstrom, and Custer McLeod. Absent were John Marta and Pat Medina

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FOR November 10, 2022

Patrick Webb moved to approve the minutes as presented, Tricia McFarland 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.

Patrick Webb moved to approve payment of all bills as presented, Tricia McFarland seconded. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST-476 EATERY-WADEEPORN SETKIDDEE

Chief Green looked at the location of the building and where the Optional Premises would be located. Chief Green suggested that a chain and sign be hung to let people know that there would be no alcohol allowed off the premises.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Owner of the business Wadeeporn Setkiddee agreed with Chief Green and said that they will also have cameras in that area to keep an eye on things as well as a server that will police the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was opened and closed at 6:38 p.m. with no comments for or against

BOARD DELIBERATION

Patrick Webb moved to approve the new Liquor License for 475 Eatery located at 107 E Bridge Street, seconded by Sven Edstrom. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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5. OLD BUSINESS
HOTCHKISS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE/ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE-
KIM SHAY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
None given

ONE DELTA COUNTY UPDATE
No update given.

EMPLOYEE WAGE SURVEY UPDATE
Mayor Wingfield told the Board that he received the final report yesterday from Chris Lowe of GPS (Governmental Professional Solutions). The ten percent (10%) increase that was given to the employees last month helped tremendously. The report says that an additional six-point five percent (6.5%) increase in wages at the beginning of 2023 will help the wages be competitive. Back the Badge will also supply another increase for the Officers. Mayor Wingfield would like to see the salaries be absorbed back into the General Fund over the next few years in the event that the Public Safety tax revenue sunsets and is not available anymore. Mayor Wingfield thanked all the departments for all of the work they do and thanked them also for keeping their budgets in check.

Patrick Webb had several questions about the budget and some of the expenses.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Wingfield read the rules for Public Comment.
Larry Wilkening thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work in fixing the water break in Willow Heights today.
7. MAYOR'S REPORT
There are three (3) birthdays this month. Town Clerk Ginger Redden on December 12th, Sergeant McArtor on the 26th and Officer Berger on the 30th.
Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for Christmas. The Town received a bid for fixing the curb and gutter by the Post Office and by the Elks Club. CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) put the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramps in but they do not drain well, even though they meet the expectations. The work would help the problem but not fix it. These areas will be monitored throughout the Winter and will be reevaluated in the Spring.

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7. MAYOR'S REPORT (cont.)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Scott Green said that he started rolling out the Lexipol Policy yesterday. Chief Green explained how Lexipol works and how it updates whenever State or Federal Laws change. CDOT permitting is needed for the installation of ALPRs (Automatic License Plate Readers). Code Violations are being served with violators having ten (10) days to comply. They are working with people, and it is going well.

The Officers are patrolling the schools daily and interacting with the kids and staff.

Vaping is becoming a huge issue at the High School and education is being given that explains the dangers.

Delta Montrose Opiate Response Group gave a presentation about Fentanyl and the dangers of it. Narcan is being carried by all Officers in case they come across someone that has overdosed on it. There is a YouTube video called Dead on Arrival that Chief Green recommended watching to understand more about the drug and the dangers of it.

The Officers all attended Active Shooter Training.

There will be an eight (8) hour training next week on the Spillman module that went live for the Hotchkiss Police Department last week.

The Hotchkiss Elks Lodge gave the Police Depart a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of another LIDAR for the department.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Mike Owens told the Board that a new proposal was given for the membranes in the amount of \$195,224.00. This price is for the retrofit membranes, not the original ones, and does not include training or the cost it may have to retrofit them. PALL does not have to honor the original contract. The quote is good for thirty (30) days. The Board directed Attorney Nerlin to look over the contract and then discuss options with Public Works Director Mike Owens and Engineer Joanne Fagan.

A new Public Works employee will start in mid-December.

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

MOSQUITO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION.

The Mosquito District is looking for two (2) new Board members. Mayor Wingfield encouraged anyone interested in these positions to let him know.

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8. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-PAT'S BAR AND GRILL

Tricia McFarland moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for Pat's Bar and Grill, seconded by Patrick Webb. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF NEW PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

The Town has received two (2) letters of interest for the seat being vacated by Rich Kramer on the Planning Commission. The letters are from Tom Wills and Jeffrey Rodarte. Mayor Wingfield will take these to the next Planning Commission meeting for discussion and will hopefully appoint someone in January.

2023 BUDGET-POSSIBLE ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2022-03 ADOPTION OF 2023 BUDGET

Sven Edstrom moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 an Ordinance appropriating sums of money to defray expenses and liabilities of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado for the calendar year 2023, seconded by Tricia McFarland. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2022-04 ADOPTION OF 2023 MILL LEVY

Sven Edstrom move to approve Ordinance 2022-04 an Ordinance amending established rate of tax to be levied upon all taxable property within the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado for Municipal purposes for the calendar year 2023, seconded by Custer McLeod. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2022-05 ADOPTION OF 2023 APPROPRIATIONS AS AN EMERGENCY

Sven Edstrom moved to approve Ordinance 2022-05 an Ordinance appropriating sums of money to defray expenses and liabilities of the Town of Hotchkiss, Colorado for the 2023 calendar year and declaring an emergency, seconded by Custer McLeod. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2022-08 RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY

Sven Edstrom moved to adopt Resolution 2022-08 a resolution to appropriate additional sums of money, seconded by Custer McLeod. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed.

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8. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)
OLD PUBLIC WORKS SHOP BUILDING UPDATE EXECUTIVE SESSION
Patrick Webb 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 Custer McLeod. A verbal vote was taken with all Trustees voting in favor. Motion passed. The time was 7:25 p.m.

The recording of the Executive Session was stopped at 7:26 p.m. due to Attorney/Client Privilege.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

The recording of the meeting was turned back on at 7:54 p.m.

Mayor Wingfield read the following.

The time is now 7:55 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were Mayor Jim Wingfield, Patrick Webb, Tricia McFarland, Sven Edstrom, Custer McLeod, Attorney Bo Nerlin, Larry Wilkening, 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....

POSSIBLE MOTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board directed Attorney Bo Nerlin to prepare a letter to both applicants for more information to be able to make a more informed decision and ask for a response from the applicants before the end of the year. The Board will make a possible decision at the January 12th meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Patrick Webb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 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