

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hotchkiss Board of Trustees

November 10, 2016

1. Mayor Wendell Koontz called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Council members present were Jim Roberts, John Marta, Tom Wills, Mary Hockenbery, Larry Jakubiak and Lindee Cantrell.
2. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Koontz recognized Lindee Cantrell and Jim Roberts and thanked them for their military service.
3. Introduction of HHS Student Government
Hotchkiss High School (HHS) Student Government members present were Ashley Ziemer, Rogger Frick, Nolan Egging, Gabe Rodriguez, Parker Katzdorn and Morgan Miller.
4. Minutes for October 13, 2016
Larry Jakubiak said that in item number 11 it was determined that we do have an Emergency Management Ordinance.
Jim Roberts moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2016 with the above amendment. Larry Jakubiak seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
5. HHS Good News
Nolan Egging reported on the Good News that has been happening at HHS:
The 'H' has been restored.
The High School held a very successful blood drive.
They are working on a new mural in the gym.
Winter sports start their practices tomorrow, November 11.
National Honor Society is holding a coat drive.
The HHS engineering class is looking to build solar lights for the 'H'.
6. Farm to Fiddle Update-Lynda Cannon also Elyse Castleberry from DOLA
An addition to the agenda was made when Elyse Castleberry from DOLA asked if she could talk with Lynda Cannon about the recent Team Builders Institute that Lynda attended with Elyse in Durango. Delta County recently received a Better Cities grant from the state which will be used to build an Innovation Center in Delta with hubs all around the county. There is also a grant that can be applied for called the New Mobility West grant that can be used to help figure out cost and structure for any projects that the Town might be interested in doing. Lynda Cannon said that the Farm to Fiddle Festival wants to be a vehicle to raise money for Town items needed and the festival will be bigger and better in 2017.
7. Lion's Club-Diane Reddin
Diane Reddin said that the Lion's Club will be celebrating their 100th birthday in July of 2017 with Hotchkiss having a Lion's Club for 30 years. They would like to mark the occasion by giving a gift to the Town of something that is needed such as a bench. The Counsel will put some thought into what is needed and will let Diane and the Lion's Club know.

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8. **Big B's Temporary Structure-Jeff Schwartz**
Jeff Schwartz said that Big B's put up a Weatherport structure on their property and he found out that it is encroaching on Town property. He would like to lease the Town property that he is encroaching on and says that the structure will be temporary. Building Inspector John Caven said that the property is an easement for utilities and the building is in the way. Jeff stated that the building can be moved at any time even with things being stored under the structure. Public Works Director Mike Owens said that there was a variance given to Big B's for the current facilities but it does not extend to this new structure. Jeff stated that it is absurd for the Town to not let him use the 5 foot space of Town property especially since Big B's employees 30 people and is providing jobs.
After much discussion Tom Wills moved that Attorney Bo Nerlin draw up a lease agreement with Big B's for the term of 6 months ending on June 9, 2017 for the business to have their building on the 5 feet of Town Property. At the end of the lease it will be evaluated whether or not to extend the contract or if the building will need to be taken down. Big B's will pay the fees for Attorney Nerlin to draw up the agreement. Larry Jakubiak seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
9. **HopeWest Proclamation Request**
Nancy Hovde explained to the Board about HopeWest and the many services that they offer. HopeWest does everything from Hospice and Palliative care to grief counseling and is a nonprofit agency. They never turn anyone away and have over 1500 volunteers in Mesa, Delta, Ouray, Montrose and San Miguel Counties. They are asking for a proclamation declaring the month of November Hospice and Palliative Care month for the Town of Hotchkiss. Nancy then read the proclamation to the Board.
Tom Wills moved to approve the proclamation request for HopeWest. Mary Hockenbery seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.
10. **Liquor License Renewal-City Market #29**
Larry Jakubiak moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for City Market. Lindee Cantrell seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
11. **Donation Requests**
 1. **Hotchkiss Community Dinners-Larry Jakubiak**
Larry is requesting \$500 for the Hotchkiss Community Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Larry has been cooking the dinners for the last 18 years and it is a benefit to the community. The dinner is free to everyone that would like to come and cost of the dinner is \$2.77 per person. They start serving dinner at 11:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and serve until about 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help out. Mary Hockenbery moved to approve the \$500 donation to the Hotchkiss Community Dinners. John Marta seconded and it passed with Larry abstaining.

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11. (cont.)
 2. North Fork Children's Christmas Party
Town Clerk Marlene Searle said that the North Fork Children's Christmas Party has been giving the less fortunate children in the area a party since 1991. Each child gets a coat, socks, underwear and a hat as well as lunch and other gifts. They are requesting \$200 to sponsor four children at \$50 per child.
Larry Jakubiak moved to approve the \$200 donation to the North Fork Children's Christmas Party. Mary Hockenbery seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
12. Five Minute Public Appearance
Building Inspector John Caven said that he was very appreciative of the Counsel and all of the High School Students at the meeting.
A couple of local trailer park owners stated that they are against the limit of 25 years on mobile homes coming into Town and think that the HUD approved trailers should be acceptable.
13. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-5-Mobile Home Regulations Amendment
Tom Wills highlighted a memo that he drafted for the Board. Tom said that older mobile homes could bring down property values of neighboring homes.
John Caven said that HUD was designed for affordable housing and that it does not mean that these mobile homes are unlivable. Larry Jakubiak said that he does not like this Ordinance and does not think that the Board has a right to tell people what to live in. John Marta said that the year shouldn't matter. Some of the older mobile homes are built better than the newer ones.
After several minutes of discussion Mayor Koontz asked the Board to look over Ordinance 2016-5 carefully and write down any comments that they have for the next meeting.
14. Budget 2017 Preliminary
A Work Session was set for Thursday December 1st at 6:00 p.m.
15. North Fork Valley Creative Coalition Update
None given.
16. Town Engineer Report
Engineer Joanne Fagan said that there was nothing to report.
17. BLM Resource Management Plan Update
None given.
18. Downtown Improvements Discussion
Tom Wills said that they are making plans for next year. Kim Shay is going to have bee friendly plants on her property by Gambles.

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19. Delta County Housing Task Force Update
No meeting was held.
20. Leroux Creek Planning Update
No meeting was held.
21. Department Reports
Public Works Director Mike Owens said that in addition to his written report, one of the water tanks has been emptied and cleaned. Dean Bosworth, a structural engineer will be here Tuesday or Wednesday of next week to evaluate the tank. Mike should have a report at the December meeting.

Deputy Lloyd said that there was nothing new to add to the written report.
22. Hotchkiss Planning Commission Update
Tom Wills said that they are working on the Master Plan and the Master Plan Survey. They are also considering a question of a sales tax increase and created a draft question. The planning meeting will be held on November 30th this month and most likely they will not have one in December due to the holidays.
23. Hotchkiss Chamber Update
Tom Wills said that he attended the annual meeting and presented the award to Hillman House Trust for nonprofit of the year. The meeting was held at Shadescapes and was a very nice evening. Hotchkiss Auto won business of the year and Marsy Moore and Lynda Cannon were co-winners for citizens of the year.
24. Mayor's Report
November 4th was the ground breaking for the Delta County Memorial Hospital's new clinic being built on Hotchkiss Avenue. Mayor Koontz said that he is grateful that the 2016 election is over and reminded the Trustees that they are role models for the citizens of the community and they should have high standards.
25. Town Clerk Report
None given.
26. Upcoming Events/Schedule
November 11-Veteran's Day and the Town Hall will be closed
November 16-School District meeting at the High School
November 19-Craft Fairs around Hotchkiss
November 24-Hotchkiss Community Thanksgiving Dinner 11:00 to 2:00
December 1-Budget work session 6:00 and Wrestling in Paonia

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26. (cont.) HHS principal Mr. Rodriguez wanted to take a moment and thank the Town for including the HHS students in the Town meeting.
27. New Business
Tom Wills wanted to point out to the high school students the energy savings that the Town has had from changing all of the street lights over to L.E.D. lighting. John Marta wanted to thank the Town for paying the utility bills for the Senior Center. John said that he recently changed all of the Senior Centers lights to the L.E.D. and they received a rebate from DMEA for doing so. Nolan Egging encouraged the students to be more involved with the Town and with volunteering. Mayor Koontz said that if the Town Scholarship survives the budget cuts he would encourage all Seniors to apply and to note that it is based on the volunteer work that the students are involved in.
28. Consideration of Bills
Larry Jakubiak moved to pay all bills as presented. Jim Roberts seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.
29. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger R. Redden, Deputy Town Clerk