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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

February 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on February 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Bledsoe. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited in unison. The following Trustees answered roll call: Trustee Lundy, Trustee Mason, Trustee Laycock, Trustee Emmerling, Trustee Dobbs and Trustee Salvador. Mayor Bledsoe declared that there was a quorum of the Board present for the transaction of business.

Staff present at this meeting was Town Clerk Maria Nestor, Public Works Director Jeremy Forristall, Chief Marshal Robert Payne, and Attorney Stan Kimble.

Guests were Ben Orrell, Linda Orrell, Sherry Payne, Kevin Stansbury, John Witt, Todd Messer, Nyal Smith, Dave Smith, Frank Kobel, Troy McCue and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Lundy to approve the agenda as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Laycock and a second was made by Trustee Salvador to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022, regular meeting with a correction. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health gave an update on COVID-19, the 2021 financials, the Byers clinic, new physicians in the Specialty clinic, staffing at the hospital and Senate Bill 22-125.

As an unscheduled guest, Linda Orrell told the Board that the Hugo Improvement Partnership would be hosting a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the Eastern Trails Depot.

Trustee Salvador gave a report from the Administrative Committee Meeting on February 7, 2022.

Trustee Laycock gave a report from the community meeting with GMS Engineering regarding the Hugo Sidewalk Replacement Project.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second was made by Trustee Lundy to approve Resolution Number 301- A resolution approving an agreement with other counties and towns for regional planning and use of opioid funds in region 4 of northeastern Colorado, and authorizing execution of said agreement. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Laycock and a second was made by Trustee Mason to approve a correct quit claim deed for Lincoln Health. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second by Trustee Lundy to approve Ordinance Number 278- A ordinance of the Town of Hugo, Colorado, acting by and through its wastewater enterprise, authorizing two USDA RUS loans, evidenced by the issuance of two wastewater revenue bonds, to be issued for the purpose of funding a portion of the costs of improvements to the town’s wastewater collection and treatment system; providing the forms of the bonds and loan repayment; making covenants, and establishing details and approving documents, relating to the loans; and declaring an emergency. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Attorney Kimble reported to the Board that the municipal court has been very busy.

Clerk Nestor gave an update on the NFIP, the 2022 Election, the search for a municipal judge, and the Hugo Code of Ethics.

Public Works Director Forristall told the Board that he had been looking at dump trucks, the cargo container would be delivered, the water tower had been fixed, letters were sent to water customers regarding the cross-connection issue, the maintenance department had been working a lot at the Hugo Housing Authority, he has been submitting year-end reports, he is implementing employee evaluation and disciplinary forms, and he has been studying for his water certification.

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Chief Marshal Payne told the Board that the department had 82 calls of service, was working on a Drug Take Back Program which is scheduled for April 30, 2022, he has been working on getting approval for the department to get more and updated Narcan and that the hiring of another officer has not been going well.

Troy McCue representing LCEDC gave the Board his written and oral report.

Trustee Laycock explained to the Board that Regional Roadmap Team had filled out an application for the HB1271 grant funding to explore affordable housing opportunities. The Board expressed its interest in several of the strategies listed and then a motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second by Trustee Mason to commit to providing $500.00 toward the match that will be needed. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trustee Laycock also stated that she had been asked by some trustees why the code enforcer expense line item had been moved from the General Fund- Public Safety to the General Fund-General Government. She also asked about the PER that Element Engineering was preparing for the Town for a water project.

Trustee Emmerling gave an update on the information he has received regarding municipalities that have had elections where marijuana dispensaries were on the ballot but failed.

Mayor Bledsoe reported that she has been working with Public Works Director Forristall on the employee review process and has been facilitating the Town’s needs to Governor Hickenlooper and other legislators.

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Laycock and a second was made by Trustee Lundy to pay the list of bills presented to the Board and to pay any additional bills not on the list upon approval of the Treasurer and Mayor. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board will be Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

The next Administrative Committee meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and a second by Trustee Salvador to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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