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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

May 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on May 9, 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 Messer, Trustee Payne, 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 Forestall, and Chief Marshal Robert Payne.

Guests were Renita Thelen, Kevin Stansbury, Chris Rosado Sr., Stephanie Tafoya, Wayne Ewing, Gillian Laycock, Amanda Clark, Eric Stum, Sharon Mason, Dave Smith, Troy McCue and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and a second was made by Trustee Emmerling to amend the agenda allowing Mr. Eric Stum to speak first to the Board. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOULSY.

A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and a second was made by Trustee Lundy to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2022, as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Eric Stum asked for an extension on a building application he applied for a year ago.

Trustee Lundy made a motion and Trustee Emmerling made a second to approve a one-year extension on the building permit. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health told the Board that May will be full of special dates to recognize their staff, that mental health is a huge issue across the country and Lincoln Health is dedicated to offering Behavioral Health services to their patients, he discussed the hospitals quality measures, and stated that the hospital has a new physician in the specialty clinic who specializes in weight loss surgery.

As an unscheduled guest, Sharon Mason who is the Genoa-Hugo board president stated that the new superintendent for the school would be in town on Thursday or Friday and a Meet and Greet would be scheduled.

Also, as an unscheduled guest, Gillian Laycock representing Hugo Main Street gave a history of how Hugo Main Street began, talked about the projects the program has done and about three events that Hugo Main Street are committed to.

Trustee Salvador stated that there was a Board workshop on May 2, 2022, where David Churchwell with K.C. Electric Association visited with the Board about the electricity at the Hugo Railroad Park. Ethan Pruett with the Division of Wildlife also visited with the Board about the possibility of some turkey hunting on some town owned property. Public Works Director Forristall discussed information on purchasing a loader for the Town and Clerk Nestor stated that AngelStar Assets would like to meet with the Board and visit about the plans they have at Roundhouse Estates. This meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

The Board and Public Works Director Forristall had a lengthy discussion about the purchasing, or leasing of a loader. This discussion will continue at a meeting on May 16, 2022, in order for Public Works Director Forristall to gather some more information and go look at some used loaders.

Clerk Nestor gave an update on the Towns application to the National Flood Insurance Program, bids on the town owned trailer, the Open for Business Main Street Grant, applications for the lifeguards at the swimming pool, applications for the seasonal maintenance department, cemetery cleanup prior to Memorial Day, the dog vaccination clinic, and National Police and Public Works week. Gillian Laycock updated the board on the Brownfield Grant for asbestos removal and the sidewalk replacement project.

Troy McCue representing LCEDC reported that he is staying engaged with the Hugo Mainstreet program, is working closely with the public planning on ongoing dialogue for the new health facilities that Lincoln Health is pursuing, has been doing ongoing work with Daniel Grinnan and

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Eastern Slope Rural Telephone on the future of fiber and stated that there were sixty people who attended the annual meeting. He also reminded the Board that Hugo needs a representative for the monthly meetings which are the third Wednesday of the month.

Public Works Director would like to contact Big Iron about doing away with the sweeper, red truck, white mower truck, and the green truck. A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second by Trustee Salvador to let Public Works Director Forristall contact Big Iron about listing the sweeper, red truck, white mower truck, and the green truck. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. He stated that the 2022 street plan was to tear out 2nd Avenue between 7th Street & 8th Street and completely replace it. He would like to overlay 1st street between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue; 9th Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets; 8th Avenue between 5th and 7th Streets, and 6th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues. The sewer lagoon is finished and operating. The town will have to purchase a new flow meter. He and Cody Chambers will take their water certification tests in June 2022.

Chief Marshal Payne stated the department had seventeen stops, and sixty-four calls to service in the month of April; Reserve Officer Robert Harsch is in training, the department helped a Drug Take Back Day, and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. In updates he stated that regarding the K9 unit, grant funding is through the federal government and is being finalized and submitted for the dog and training certification and fundraising has begun for the equipment of the vehicle. He also stated that a grant application has been submitted to the Cooper Clark Foundation for the purchase of a freezer and new radios. Regarding the body worn camera grant, the cameras are here and trying to schedule a date for our IT person to come out and help find the proper server for the cameras and the house number ordinance has been completed and so far, everyone seems to be in compliance.

Trustee Salvador stated that the cemetery looks nice with all the tree removal that has been done.

Trustee Dobbs stated that we might look into using the town trailer as a SCBA maze for the fire department for training.

Mayor Bledsoe stated that Hugo Main Street is overseeing the applications for the dog park, and they have received funding for a picnic table and two benches already. She stated that she went along with town staff, Element Engineering, HPM employees and representatives from Senator Hickenlooper’s office to tour and do a final walk through of the new lagoons. Senator Hickenlooper’s office is aware of the much-needed funding for the upcoming water tower and water line replacement project. Regarding the power in the Railroad Park discussion, it was understood that HEDGE bought the light posts, but the Town owns them, and that Hugo Improvement Partnership purchased and put in the current outlets that are in those light posts. This topic was tabled to gather more information.

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and a second was made by Trustee Salvador 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 Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

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

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 Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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