
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

June 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on June 13, 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 Messer, Trustee Payne, Trustee Emmerling, and Trustee Dobbs. Trustees Lundy and Salvador were not present. 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, and Chief Marshal Robert Payne.

Guests were Renita Thelen, Kevin Stansbury, Maya Ewing, Afton Tanner, John LaBorde, Troy McCue and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2022, meeting; the May 16, 2022, meeting and the May 19, 2022 as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health told the Board that they have been spending time on a new electronic health record management system, that Lincoln Health Care Center has a 4-star rating on a 5-star scale, Lincoln Health has a new provider who performs acupuncture, and gave overview of Lincoln Health and an update on the perspective new hospital. Maya Ewing and Afton Tanner told the Board about the Fourth of July 5K run and the pancake breakfast.

As an unscheduled guest, John LaBorde asked the Board to work on a long-term vision for the Town of Hugo.

At 7:48 P.M. Mayor Bledsoe opened the public hearing on the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program. Clerk Nestor stated that the notice of public hearing had been sent to the employees and published in the June 2, 2022, issue of the Eastern Colorado Plainsman. Clerk Nestor gave the board a presentation about the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program and reminded the Board that in their packets were letters from two employees. She stated she had discussed the program with all employees and all of them asked that the Board “opt out” of the program. Public Works Director Forristall also told the Board he had talked to two of his employees and they too wanted the board to “opt out” of the program. There was no one from the audience with comments therefore at 7:52 P.M. Mayor Bledsoe closed the public hearing and went to board discussion. Being that there was no discussion from the Board, Trustee Emmerling made a motion and Trustee Dobbs made a second that proper notice of the public hearing had been done and moved for the Town of Hugo to opt out of the Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance Program. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and seconded by Trustee Dobbs to approve Resolution Number 305- A resolution to change the street address of the residence located at the present address of 336 Third Street to 221 Fourth Avenue, Town of Hugo, Lincoln County, Colorado. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve Resolution Number 306-A resolution authorizing final payment of the wastewater system improvements project. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and seconded by Trustee Payne to sell the blue tractor on big iron. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

After some discussion about the Hedlund House Museum, it was decided that at the July 2022 meeting Mayor Bledsoe would appoint Shari Gaskins to the Museum Steering Committee and to the Hugo Preservation Advisory Board. Clerk Nestor will speak to Terry and DeeAnn Blevins and see if they want to continue on those committees/board as well.

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Troy McCue representing LCEDC presented his handout and spoke about the VISTA program.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and seconded by Trustee Dobbs to put a meter on a pole in the Railroad Park to meter the electricity that the Town uses to run the sprinklers in the park. An outlet will be added to the pole also. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Nestor reported that she has not heard anything from the National Flood Insurance Program, the swimming pool is open and is going well and has been extremely busy, Municipal Court last week was extremely busy with approx. 10 defendants in court, building permits and roofing permits are beginning to increase, the dog vaccination clinic was May 23, 2022 and went well, the office is busy as there are several reports due by June 30, and the 2021 audit has been completed. She also reported that Gillian Laycock has a meeting with the grant manager for the Brownfield Grant on the asbestos removal for the house on 3rd Avenue. Gillian attended the CDOT meeting and regarding the turn lane at 3rd Avenue and Hwy 109 and was told that CDOT will not be removing any trees, will not be removing the tree carving that is close to the corner and the decorative light pole will be removed and replaced.

Public Works Director Forristall reported the maintenance crew has been busy digging out potholes to be fixed, will be paving 2nd Street between 7th Street and 8th Street, has items listed on big Iron to be sold, will be doing semi annual employee reviews and that he and Cody Chambers are still scheduled to do their testing this month.

Chief Marshal Payne stated that the May court date was busy with code enforcement cases, he thanked the PW Director for starting the process of putting up the 25MPH speed limit signs, he thanked Clerk Nestor for helping with the Cooper Clark Grant. They awarded the funds to the Marshals Office for the purchase of new radios and a freezer for evidence. He stated his office has five active cases under investigation and he has two candidates for the open deputy position. A Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 25, 2022, at 10:30 A.M. to discuss the candidates.

Trustee Emmerling discussed the possibility of a tree replacement program for trees that are suitable for this area.

Trustee Payne reported that the playground equipment at the Depot Park is cracked, and she is looking into some grants to replace it.

Trustee Dobbs asked PW Director Forristall if something could be done to help with the streets in the Solomon Addition. He also asked if the Board was going to commit to one third of the cost for a VISTA to help the town with grant writing.

Mayor Bledsoe stated she worked with PW Director Forristall and Mike Vaughn in locating a loader, The PER is finished for the water project and the Board will need to meet with Element Engineering to go over that report, and that she will be helping the PW Director with the "wording" for his employee evaluations.

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and a second was made by Trustee Messer 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, July 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk

