
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

August 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on August 8, 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 Salvador, Trustee Emmerling, and Trustee Dobbs. 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 Gillian Laycock, Benjamin Ashauer, Jacobe Payne, America Payne, Renita Thelen, Tiffany Stewart, Nick Stewart, Kevin Stansbury, Ben Orrell, Linda Orrell, Nyal Smith, and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second was made by Trustee Payne to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health reported that Lincoln Health was awarded \$3 million in a congressionally directed spending bill to go towards the replacement of the hospital. He also reported on Monkey Pox, the new hospital, and the Byers Clinic.

Benjamin Ashauer discussed with the Board a fitness center in the upstairs of the Community Center. The Board told him to come back with more definite plans and ideas.

Tiffany Stewart asked the Board to look into Ordinance Number 256 which requires a person to be 16 years old to drive a golf cart. The Board will review the ordinance.

Troy McCue gave updates on his involvement with the Hugo Main Street Program, and the Roundhouse planning. He reported that the advertisement is ready for a professional grant-writer and reported on his ongoing work with ESRTA. He also presented the Board with a written report.

Gillian Laycock representing Hugo Main Street gave an update on what she and Hugo Main Street have been doing the last three months. She then gave a presentation on the Celebrating Main Street Survey that was conducted.

There were no unscheduled guests with business to come before the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Salvador to appoint Trustee Payne to represent the Town of Hugo at the LCEDC meetings. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TRUSTEE PAYNE ABSTAINING.

A 2023 budget workshop was set for August 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Clerk Nestor reported that an asbestos removal company will be looking at the house located at 533 3rd Avenue and giving the Town a bid for asbestos removal. She also reported that the Hugo Swimming Pool would close on August 12, 2022, and that court has been very busy.

Public Works Director Forristall told the Board he had hired Tyrel Ludwig for one of the maintenance positions. He also stated that Element Engineering would do a preliminary engineering report on running a camera through the sewer lines to identify which lines needed attention. The bid from Pro Diggers to replace 400 feet of sewer line was \$1.2 million and the bid to replace the line behind the swimming pool was \$255,000.

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A motion was made by Trustee Messer and seconded by Trustee Salvador to use the funds raised by selling the used equipment to purchase a truck with a snowplow. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Marshal Payne reported that the department had 122 traffic stops and 98 calls to service in July. He is also working on a fireworks ordinance and looking into a noise/curfew ordinance.

Mayor Bledsoe stated the Town has had a lot of good progress in a lot of areas. A lot of progress has been made with public works and the challenges they have had the last month including selling of old equipment and replacing it with better equipment.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and a second was made by Trustee Emmerling 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, September 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk