
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado
October 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on October 10, 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 Salvador 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 Forristall, and Chief Marshal Robert Payne.

Guests were Renita Thelen, Pat White, Clint Felzien, Rachel Smith, Wade Hollowell, Dave Smith, Nyal Smith, Gillian Laycock, Jacobe Payne, Josh Hunter, 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 Messer and a second was made by Trustee Dobbs to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rachel Smith representing Lincoln Health told the Board about Microbiology that will be offered at Lincoln Health; that October 17, 2022, Lincoln Health will welcome a board-certified medical oncologist and hematologist; and told the Board that Lincoln Health will be having some upcoming community spaghetti dinners to learn about the progress, direction and the future of healthcare for Lincoln Health.

Pat White with Eastern Slope Technologies gave the Board an update on the Fiber upgrade coming to the Town of Hugo.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Salvador to approve a rear variance to Dave Smith for a garage he is building at 133 3rd Avenue. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The report from the meeting on September 20, 2022, was that the Board should first meet with the code enforcement officer, and she should be enforcing zoning and possibly forming a zoning board.

Clerk Nestor reported to the Board that Doug Mahan, who is the National Flood Insurance Program Community Assistance Program Coordinator had reached out on October 4, 2022 and stated that he and FEMA would be discussing the best options for the town to address any issues the town may have and still be NFIP compliant in order to join the program.

Clerk Nestor also mentioned the states exemption of sales tax on incontinence products, diapers, and the sale of period products; mentioned that she does not believe any store in Hugo will have to do the ten cents bag fee; stated that municipal court was very busy and told the Board that at last count the town had 551 water taps and 447 active meters-not including yard meters.

Public Works Director Forristall asked if the implements for the skid steer that are budgeted in the 2023 budget could be ordered as it takes six to eight weeks to get them. The board asked him to wait until after the next budget meeting.

Chief Marshal Payne stated that in September the department had 180 traffic stops and 110 calls to service; participated in several community events; he stated he received an audit from the State regarding the accreditation that he had applied for so the department would be eligible for federal grants but in talking to them there are several new laws coming this next year so the department may not be accredited.

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Troy McCue representing LCEDC handed out his monthly reports but touched base on his involvement helping to review the final report of the local economic study and his participation and supporting of the upcoming housing study; he is gathering data points to begin a feasibility study to show economic benefits of tourism and conference venue for a completed restoration of the Roundhouse; and he welcomed Sherry Payne to the EDC Board.

Mayor Bledsoe talked about the great attendance and fun time at the Wine Walk and the Back Alley Benefit and that several people made nice comments about being able to see inside the Roundhouse. She had visited with GMS to do a presentation to the Board, also talking to DOLA about getting the outside review of the water project PER done by Element Engineering, LLC. Told the Board that she talked with the Town of Dolores on their program for discounted water rates for seniors on a fixed income.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs 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, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk