
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado
September 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on September 12, 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, 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 and Chief Marshal Robert Payne.

Guests were Renita Thelen, Gillian Laycock, Nyal Smith, Kevin Stansbury, Mike Tompkins, Steph Rosado, Chris Rosado, Dave Smith and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022, meeting, and the August 29, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health told the Board about the Orthopedic program at Lincoln Health; gave an update on the clinic in Byers; talked about the Hospital Revitalization Act, flu season and the continued planning of the new hospital.

Gillian Laycock as a private business owner in Hugo, addressed the Board about the zoning regulations in the town and the lack of enforcement of them. She asked the board if they were going to move forward with enforcing the zoning regulations that are in place. A meeting to discuss zoning was scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Lundy to approve the liquor license renewal application for the Plains Bar. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve the liquor license renewal application for the VFW Post 6612. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and seconded by Trustee Lundy to approve the Festival Permit for the Plains Bar and the VFW Post 6612 for an event on September 24, 2022. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve the agreement with Community Preservation Specialists, Inc. for code enforcement services for 2023. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TRUSTEES LUNDY, MESSER, PAYNE, SALVADOR, AND DOBBS VOTING IN FAVOR, AND TRUSTEE EMMERLING VOTING AGAINST.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to appoint Trustee Emmerling as the town's representative to the CML Policy Committee. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bledsoe reported that the Hugo trustees met with board members from Lincoln Health on September 8, 2022 and discussed updates to the planning of the new hospital. It was suggested that a MOU was made between Lincoln Health and the Town of Hugo.

Clerk Nestor reported that the office and court had been very busy. A 2023 budget workshop was scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Public works Director was not present at this meeting, therefore Mayor Bledsoe reported that he had bought a 2017 Ford F250 and is in the process of looking to purchase a snowplow for this pickup.

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Chief Marshal Payne reported that in August the department had 200 traffic stops and 135 calls to service. They had also spent time at the Lincoln County Fair, hosted a bike rodeo and helped DOW with an event for the library summer reading program.

Trustee Dobbs asked if the Board would look into the recycling of plastic with the new law coming into effect in January 2023 making stores charge 10 cents per plastic bag.

Mayor Bledsoe stated that she went with the Public Works Director and purchased a new truck for the department, will be working with Gillian Laycock and staff on a grant application presentation for DOLA, has sent the water project PER to DOLA for other engineering firms to review it, and stated that she attended the CML district meeting in Burlington.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy 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, October 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk