
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado
December 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on December 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 Dobbs, and Trustee Emmerling. 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 Mchee Overkill, Mike Glover, Renita Thelen, Gillian Laycock, Benjamin Ashauer, Linda Orrell, Kevin Stansbury, and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and a second was made by Trustee Payne to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health reminded the Board that the specialty clinic at Lincoln Health offers a full roster to specialty providers and reminded them about the oncology and infusion clinic. He stated that Lincoln Health held dinners across the area to discuss the future of the hospital and he thanked the Board for their support.

Mike Glover and Mchee Overkill gave a presentation on their new business, Rapid Reefer Repair. They assured the Board that at this time their business is a mobile business.

Ben Ashauer asked the Board if he could begin running kick box classes, do some private training, and teach other aerobic classes out of the wrestling room. Clerk Nestor and Mr. Ashauer will meet and talk with CIRSA and the attorney, then Clerk Nestor will report back to the Board.

As an unscheduled guest Gillian Laycock thanked the Board and the staff for the holiday lighting around town. She thanked the Board and staff for supporting the programs and the survival of a vibrant future for the Town and for the hard decisions they have made during the past year and will make in the future. She also thanked the Board for the continued support for economic development in the community.

Troy McCue with LCEDC reported that he had participated in the Hugo Main Street holiday events and attended the DOLA recognition program for the Director of the Year which was held at Sand Creek Distillery. He also reported on the Housing 1271 efforts, the tear off maps and the final panel for the sign at the Depot.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Dobbs to approve the liquor license renewal for Mini Mart dba Loaf N Jug. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and a second was made by Trustee Payne to approve the liquor license renewal for Hugo Liquors. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Bledsoe reported that at the workshop held on November 21, 2022, the Board continued discussions on the 2023 budget and met with the library board on some issues with the Hugo Public Library.

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A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Emmerling to approve Resolution Number 308- A resolution amending the municipal water, wastewater, trash, and street light fees for the residents inside & outside the incorporated limits of the Town of Hugo, County of Lincoln, State of Colorado, beginning January 1, 2023, per quarter, with an open water account. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Bledsoe had to leave the meeting for a few minutes therefore at 8:15 PM Mayor Pro Tem Salvador opened the public hearing on the amending of the 2022 budget. There were no public comments therefore the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and a second was made by Trustee Payne to approve Resolution Number 309 amending the 2022 budget. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to have three full time and one part time employees in the Hugo Marshal's Office for 2023. THE MOTION PASSED WITH TRUSTEES MESSER, PAYNE, AND DOBBS VOTING IN FAVOR AND TRUSTEES EMMERLING AND LUNDY VOTING AGAINST.

At 8:19 PM, Mayor Pro Tem Salvador opened the public hearing on the 2023 budget. There were no public comments, therefore the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve Resolution Number 310- A Resolution to Adopt the Budget. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and seconded by Trustee Emmerling to approve Resolution Number 311- A Resolution to Set the Mill Levy. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Lundy to approve Resolution Number 312- A Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Clerk Nestor reported to the Board that most of December has been working on budget and end of the year reports. She stated that at court on December 1, 2022, there were 39 defendants on the docket, 13 appeared either in person or via zoom and that there are 2 trials set for January 5, 2023.

Public Works Director Forristall reported that there had been a sewer main that backed up. He had reported it to the state, the line has been jetted and it will need to have a camera run down the line to see if there are any issues. He stated that the mayor and himself attended the DOLA hearings on December 6, 2022, and gave a presentation on the sewer line break behind the swimming pool.

Chief Marshal Payne thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the sewer and thanked the front office staff for their work in the courts. He reported that his office had 130 stops and 88 calls to service in the month of November.

Trustee Lundy stated that it had been a tough year, but he is glad the Board can disagree on items, talk them out and come to good decisions.

Trustee Salvador stated she attended the Colorado Main Street presentation on November 30, 2022, she thanked Hugo Main Street for the lighting in the Railroad Park, she thanked the staff for what they all do and thanked the other Board members for their work.

Trustee Emmerling thanked the maintenance department for their work out in the cold nights when most people are at home and do not even know what is going on.

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.

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Mayor Bledsoe thanked Hugo Main Street for decorating the Railroad Park and stated that she is still very concerned about the ongoing infrastructure problems.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board will be Monday, January 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk