
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

January 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on January 9, 2023, 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 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, Attorney Stan Kimble, and Chief Marshal Robert Payne.

Guests were, Dannah Koeniger, Renita Thelen, Sheri Gaskins, Michael Gaskins, Gillian Laycock, Clair Laycock, Troy McCue, and Will Bublitz with the Eastern Colorado Plainsman.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Salvador to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022, meeting as presented. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Works Director Forristall reported to the Board the issues the Town has had during the last month with the sewer line that runs from Halde's Sand and Gravel yard under Highway 40/287 and under the railroad tracks south to the lift station. Dannah Koeniger with GMS Engineering reported to the Board what has been done so far regarding the sewer line and what needed to be done to move forward with completing a PER and applying for grant funds to help pay for the replacement project. A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and seconded by Trustee Payne for the approval for GMS Engineering to complete a PER, to initiate the State Revolving Fund process, and to initiate the design of the segment crossing the CDOT and railroads rights-of-way. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gillian Laycock representing Hugo Main Street gave the Board updates on the sidewalk replacement program, the asbestos removal grant, the hotel feasibility study, the Regional Housing Needs Program, the Dog Park/Revitalization of the Depot Park, and updates on some of the items Hugo Main Street will be working on in 2023.

Sheri Gaskins gave an update on the events that have been held and will be held at the Hedlund House Museum.

Public Works Director Forristall told the Board that he was approached by Olin Small with MP NexLevel, LLC who is the company that is doing the pot holing for Eastern Slope Rural Telephone in regard to leasing some land that the Town owns for the use of storing his equipment for 3-4 months. He would pay the Town \$500.00 per month. Mr. Kimble wants to add into the agreement that the land would be returned to the Town in the same way as it was when leased. A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and seconded by Trustee Emmerling to allow MP NexLevel, LLC to lease this land for 3-4 months contingent on the agreement made by Mr. Kimble. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Troy McCue with LCEDC stated that the final panel for the Depot Park should be done and installed by the middle of February, he is fielding questions from firms wanting to locate in the area during the power pathway construction, awaiting new grant coordinator position through ECCOG, and stated that the Roundhouse was granted contingent funding from the State Historical Fund for \$200K towards Phase 1 construction for completion of interior.

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

Chief Marshal Payne reported that the Public Safety Committee met on January 7, 2023, and discussed putting together ordinances on curfews, fireworks, park hours and camping in public areas.

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A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and seconded by Trustee Lundy to approve Ordinance Number 281- An ordinance to amend Section 5; Ordinance 239; vaccinations and licensing of dogs. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve Resolution Number 313- A Resolution Providing for the Designation of Posting Notices. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The “To Do” list will be discussed at a workshop on February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Attorney Kimble gave the Board an update on his duties with the Hugo Municipal Court and the new laws that have gone into effect.

Clerk Nestor reported on meetings she has and will be attending; and stated that an agreement has been signed with the Town and Ben Ashuer regarding the Colorado Cobras Wrestling and the fitness and martial arts classes. The agreement will be revisited in six months.

Public Works Director Forristall reported that Randy Trainer has transitioned to part time and that only one application has been received for the full-time position.

Chief Marshal Payne reported that in December 2022 they made 181 traffic stops and had eighty-four calls of service. He also pointed out that the 2022 projected fines were \$123,000 and they came in at \$150,000.

There were no Trustee reports.

Mayor Bledsoe told the Board that she had spent time with phone calls regarding the sewer line issues and had worked on the park revitalization project.

A motion was made by Trustee Lundy and seconded 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, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk