
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado
February 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on February 13, 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, 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, Renita Thelen, Steph Tafoya, Chris Rosado Sr., Angela Kobel, Kevin Stansbury, Nyal Smith, Gillian Laycock, 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 Payne to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2023, meeting as presented. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kevin Stansbury representing Lincoln Health stated that in January CHA released the 2022 statewide perspective of the financial condition of hospitals and health systems, and the data showed that the financial and operational impacts for hospitals since the onset to the COVID-19 pandemic have been staggering. Now as hospitals and policymakers evaluate future strategies, they will face some grim facts. He also stated that the new clinic in Byers, CO has opened and that the new Electronic Health Care System is up and running at Lincoln Health. Mr. Stansbury then introduced Angela Kobel who is the Chief Financial Officer for Lincoln Health. Angela will be giving Lincoln Health's updates at the board meetings from now on.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Payne to approve Ordinance Number 282- **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HUGO, LINCOLN COUNTY, COLORADO, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AND RESOLVE TO IMPOSE A REQUIREMENT THAT DWELLINGS CONNECT TO TOWN WATER AND WASTE WATER LINES AND ALSO USE AND PAY FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTE WATER SERVICES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and seconded by Trustee Emmerling to approve Ordinance Number 283- **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 239, SECTION 25, PENALTY FOR VIOLATION, CONCERNING REGULATION OF DOGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF HUGO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Messer to move forward with the process of changing the Town of Hugo's building codes from the 2006 edition to the 2018 edition. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Bledsoe gave a report on what was discussed at the Board Workshop on February 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Payne and seconded by Trustee Dobbs to move forward with the process of joining The National Insurance Program. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Salvador and seconded by Trustee Payne to change the Town Hall and Public Works Department hours of operation to Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning April 1, 2023. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Clerk Nestor reported that the lease agreement between MP NextLevel, LLC and the Town has been signed by all parties; she gave an update on the sidewalk replacement project and stated that municipal court has been very busy.

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Public Works Director Forristall reported that they had two water main breaks, and that the Town has tested negative for GWUDI which is Ground Water Under Direct Influence.

Chief Marshal Payne first thanked Jeremy and the public works crew for taking care of the water break in front of the Methodist Church as there was a funeral service scheduled for later that day. He reported that the department had 140 traffic stops, eighty-three calls of service, they had been attending community events, and doing road closures on Highway 40/287 due to the weather, and that he has a couple of the ordinances that he is working on completed and they have been sent to the attorney to review.

Trustee Salvador wanted to again thank the staff for all their hard work.

Mayor Bledsoe stated she had attended several meetings.

A motion was made by Trustee Dobbs and seconded by Trustee Lundy 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, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The next Board workshop will be Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lora Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Nestor, Town Clerk