

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

December 8, 2025, 7:00 PM

Hugo Town Hall Board Room

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on December 8, 2025, at 7:04 P.M. by Mayor Emmerling. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited in unison. The following Trustees answered roll call: Trustee Emmerling, Trustee Ehlers, Trustee Piper, Trustee Thelen, Trustee Mohan, and Trustee Messer. Mayor Emmerling declared that there was a quorum of the Board present for the transaction of business.

Staff present at this meeting were Clerk Administrator Lancaster.

Guests present were Troy McCue, Kevin Stansbury, Gayle Langley, and Matt Gordon and via Zoom Stephanie Zwick.

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

GUEST REPORTS:

Kevin Stansbury with Lincoln Community Health presented the monthly report highlighting Joy Jars & An Attitude of Gratitude LCH, Breakfast with the Elves on December 13, state and federal political updates and the significant progress that has been made with Anthem.

Troy McCue with Lincoln County Economic Development presented the monthly report highlighting Rural Philanthropy Dyas July 8-10, 2026, Opportunity Zone 2.0, affordable housing with a possible "mini-center" for child care, the possibility of an H&R Block office in Hugo and discussed how upcoming solar and wind projects can contribute monetarily to various parts and organizations in our community.

ACTION ITEMS:

Direction was given to continue exploring operating Hugo Main Street under the Town.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Messer to appoint Zachary Schoenfeld to the Hugo Housing Authority Board for a 4-year term ending January 1, 2030. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Piper to approve the VFW Liquor License renewal application. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve Resolution 2025-14, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting a Fee Schedule Effective January 1, 2026. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Emmerling to appoint Robert Karxberger to the Hugo Library Board for a 1-year term ending January 1, 2027. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve Resolution 2025-15, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Water Enterprise Approving a Loan Between the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and the Town of Hugo, Colorado Water Enterprise in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$5,395,767 for the Purpose of Financing Improvements to the Town of Hugo, Colorado Water Facilities; Authorizing the Form and Execution of a Loan Agreement and a Governmental Agency Bond Evidencing the Loan; Providing that the Governmental Agency Bond Shall be Payable Only Form Revenues of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Water Enterprise; and Prescribing Other Details in Connection Therin. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the 2025 Amended Budget and Appropriation

Mayor Emmerling opened the Public Hearing for Consideration of the 2025 Amended Budget and Appropriation at 7:44 P.M.

Clerk Administrator Lancaster presented the 2025 Conservation Trust and LEAF proposed budgets.

Mayor Emmerling asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Mayor Emmerling asked for Board comment. There were no Board comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Thelen to approve Resolution 2025-16, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting a Budget for the Town of Hugo, Colorado Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for each Fund and Adopting an Amended Budget

for the Town of Hugo, Colorado for the 2025 Budget Year and Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds in the Amounts and for the Purposes Set Forth Below. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the 2026 Budget

Mayor Emmerling opened the Public Hearing for the Consideration of the 2026 Budget at 7:46 P.M.

Clerk Administrator Lancaster presented the 2026 proposed budget.

Mayor Emmerling asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Mayor Emmerling asked for Board comment. There were no Board comments.

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve Resolution 2025-17 as amended, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting a Budget for the Town of Hugo, Colorado for the 2026 Budget Year and Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds in the Amount and for the Purpose Set Forth. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:25 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Emmerling to approve Resolution 2025-18, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting a Budget for the Town of Hugo, Colorado Setting the Mill Levy for the Town of Hugo, Colorado for the 2026 Budget Year. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Thelen to approve Resolution 2025-19, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting a Budget for the Town of Hugo, Colorado Setting the Ballot Titles for the Town's April 7, 2026 Municipal Election, Declaring it to be a Polling Place Election, and Submitting the Ballot Titles to the City's Registered Electors. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohan and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve the November 10, 2025, minutes and the November 17, 2025 minutes. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Messer to accept the September, October, and November financial report. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still looking for playground equipment.

STAFF REPORTS:

Clerk Administrator Lancaster reviewed the Clerk Administrator report and stated that one Public Works Laborer position had been filled, Some Girls and a Mural would be able to possibly do a mural on Town Hall, there is an opening on the ECOG Board if anyone is interested and discussed 2026 meeting dates and start times.

MAYOR AND TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Emmerling discussed where we are at with OLC on the pool design and with Veregy and asked everyone to come up with their thoughts on code enforcement so we can move forward.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kara Emmerling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lancaster, Town Clerk Administrator