

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

February 9, 2026, 6:00 PM

Hugo Town Hall Board Room

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on February 9, 2026, at 6:00 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 Messer, and Trustee Mohan. 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 Tiffany Stewart, Zach Schoenfeld, Rachel Carson, and Troy McCue, and via Zoom Stephanie Zwick, Mark Leasure, and Audrey Sayles.

A motion was made by Trustee Piper and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve the agenda with the addition of 6.2 GMS Draw Dated February 6, 2026. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Mohan to approve the Korinek Konstruktion Change Order Estimate for paving 5th Avenue option 4.5” HMA over 8” Base Course. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GUEST REPORTS:

Rachel Carson with Lincoln Community Health presented the monthly report highlighting the importance of getting lab work done, the state will decide how to disperse the Rural Health Transformation Program money, the Board Spotlight, Kevin is in DC working on a bill going in front of the legislature this week, billing efforts to improve accuracy and communication, there is a new payment program called HELP and extended payment options, and exploring cash payment options for patients without health insurance.

Audrey Sayles with Some Girls and a Mural reviewed the mural options for Town Hall and gave possible grant funding sources.

Zach Schoenfeld with the Hugo Housing Authority spoke about their plumbing repair needs. They are looking at grant funding and may need the Town to partner with as a pass through.

Troy McCue with Lincoln County Economic Development presented the monthly report highlighting Rural Philanthropy Days July 8-10, 2026, Opportunity Zone 2.0, daycare meeting with Genoa-Hugo School, the new Stockman’s Bank operations, and the LCEDC Annual Meeting is April 22 at the Fairgrounds.

ACTION ITEMS:

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve the January 6, 2026 minutes. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Thelen to accept the December financial report. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still looking for playground equipment.

We have a meeting with a few community members that are interested in being on the Hugo Main Street Board on Tuesday, February 10.

STAFF REPORTS:

Trustee Ehlers thanked staff for the Maintenance Supervisor’s report stating that this is what we have been looking for. Clerk Administrator Lancaster added that the sensor for the backup generator at the Solomon addition lift station had been installed. Trustees Ehlers stated that KC Electric will continue to mow the old substation area. Mayor Emmerling wanted to make sure the pot hole at 2nd Ave and 8th St is on our list.

Clerk Administrator Lancaster reviewed the Clerk Administrator report and stated that all but 4 of the tires have been removed from the town property by Hass Recycling, Rocky Mountain Recycling will be bringing out a dumpster soon, Richard is researching a SIPA grant to see if we can get one for codification of our ordinances, we are looking into what equipment can qualify for a \$10,000 CDPE grant, our Attorney is reviewing the contract for the Photo Radar system, and reviewed the draft Part-Time Code Enforcement job description.

MAYOR AND TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Emmerling discussed bringing the ordinances that Trustees want changed starting at the March meeting for discussion and that at the daycare meeting Mr. Melendrez mentioned a possible donation of land from the Town to the School.

Trustee Emmerling was unaware the Wildfire Resiliency Code would affect us until right before it needed to be passed and Farrel is spelled incorrectly on the Clerk Administrator Report.
Trustee Thelen commented that the activity at Farrel-Hines park is picking up. There were even people playing tennis.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kara Emmerling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lancaster, Town Clerk Administrator