

MINUTES
TOWN OF HUDSON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 6, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Patch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Raymond Patch - Present
Mayor Pro-Tem, Laura Hargis – Present
Councilmember, Matt Cole – Present
Councilmember, Christine Hamilton – Present
Councilmember, Julia Stell – Present
Councilmember, Joe Hammock – Present
Councilmember, Maria Chavez - Present

Town Clerk Pro-Tem, Becky Utecht took roll call, and a quorum of (6) Councilmembers were present.

Town Staff Present:

Town Manager – Joe Racine
Town Attorney – Corey Hoffmann
Town Clerk Pro-Tem – Becky Utecht
Economic Development Director – Dan Hamsmith
Utility and Public Works Director – Hunter Fobare
Town Marshal – Brent Flot
Recreation Director – Billie Stam

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

1) CONSENT AGENDA

(Consent Agenda Items are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda Items unless a Councilmember or Citizen so requests, in which case the items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the end of the Regular Agenda.)

- a. Town Council Minutes, Regular Meeting, June 15, 2016
- b. Payment of Bills

Councilmember Hargis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Chavez to approve the Consent Agenda.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Hargis, Chavez, Stell, Cole, Hamilton, Hammock and Mayor Patch

Nay - None

Mayor Patch declared the motion carried.

2) GENERAL BUSINESS

a. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Liquor License for Ben’s Brick Oven Pizza

Mayor Patch opened the Public Hearing for the Liquor License for Ben’s Brick Oven Pizza at 6:02 pm.

Corey Hoffmann, Town Attorney, reported that there were some important factors to consider when reviewing a liquor license application. The applicant must be qualified meeting the following criteria: upstanding citizen with good moral character, no felonies or misdemeanors involving theft, must be 18 years of age and cannot be a peace officer. Another factor to consider is if the neighborhood needs are being met by this request and if this creates any conflict with any other businesses in Town.

Mark Skoglund, Owner of Ben’s Brick Oven Pizza, reported that the restaurant was just pursuing a beer and wine liquor license. The nature of the business of selling beer and wine would be suitable with their current business model.

Mayor Patch closed the Public Hearing for the Liquor License for Ben’s Brick Oven Pizza at 6:09 pm.

Councilmember Chavez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hargis to approve the Liquor License for Ben’s Brick Oven Pizza.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Chavez, Hargis, Hammock, Cole, Stell, Hamilton and Mayor Patch

Nay - None

Mayor Patch declared the motion carried.

b. Resolution 16-16, A Resolution in Support of the Oil and Gas Industry

Greg Brophy, Director of the Energy Council of Eastern Weld County, reported that this resolution was an effort to show support for the oil and gas industry. The industry creates revenue and jobs.

Councilmember Stell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cole to approve Resolution 16-16, A Resolution in Support of the Oil and Gas Industry

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Stell, Cole, Hammock, Hargis, Chavez, and Mayor Patch

Nay – Hamilton

Mayor Patch declared the motion carried.

c. Agreement for Bond services, Butler Snow, LLP

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported that he had not received the agreement from Butler Snow, LLP for bond counsel services. He asked the Council to table this discussion until the next meeting.

d. Discussion: Eastridge Drainage Issues

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported staff has continued to research the background on the Eastridge Subdivision drainage issues. The Town's files do not contain any record of why the drainage improvements were not built according to the drainage plan as prepared by Acklam Associates. Staff is trying to search for information from other sources in order to reconstruct the history of the development. Larry Andrews, a developer of this property, is looking through his records. Acklam Associates went out of business in 2002. Weld County does not have any recorded documents except plat and the annexation agreement. The subdivision agreement was never recorded. There had to be one because of the letter of credit involved. Valley Bank will be contacted to see if they have any record of this.

Cheri Fulton, 320 Holly Street, spoke claiming that both the Town and the developer dropped the ball. The Town told the developer twice to complete the drainage improvements and they did not. The drainage has gotten worse the last few years because of the large amount of rain that has fallen.

Ricky Stell, 360 Holly Street, asked if there had been money appropriated to the Town for the drainage improvements. This is a very serious problem.

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported that there had not been any money appropriated by the Town. The Town will continue to attempt to reconstruct the historical records in search of what happened.

e. Discussion: Disposition of wastewater lagoon property

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported that it is timely that we move ahead with the marketing of the Town's ten acre parcel that is the site of the former wastewater lagoons. The property was cleaned up and reclaimed in 2012 after the new lift station was constructed. There are many activities occurring in the same area which provides a prime opportunity to market this site. The lagoon site is zoned C-1, Commercial, and could accommodate a small cluster of commercial buildings.

Ray Patch, Mayor, reported that now is a good time to start marketing this site.

3) STAFF REPORTS

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported that the street-naming ordinance would apply the Bison Highway name to the east end of Town, the street is currently named Main Street. This would be a good time to perpetuate the brand with the buffalo logo. There has been an internal committee organized to meet on Wednesday's at 10 am to plan for the upcoming Town Hall groundbreaking to occur on August 6, 2016 from 10 am - 1 pm. The program is being designed to involve and engage the community with a photograph to go in the new Town Hall, a food vendor, and games. Council is welcome to attend these meetings.

Brent Flot, Town Marshal, reported that the department had 180 calls last month. Major incidents that have recently occurred include theft and burglary. There was a recent arson and vandalism incident at the Methodist Church. There have been numerous dirt bike calls at Hudson Hills. There were several traffic accidents in the past month and Love's Travel Stop calls them frequently for various issues. There have been suspicious events occurring on Date Street and they are watching that. Drag racing has been occurring at the Industrial Park and that is being monitored. He is currently working on a fee schedule for VIN inspections and fingerprinting. The siren was installed on the police car and all vehicles and equipment are functioning well.

Billie Stam, Recreation Director, reported that she had given the Councilmembers a flyer on the upcoming "Fairy Garden" class. She needs a minimum of six individuals to participate or the class will be canceled. She reported that the yoga class, Buddy Boot Camp, and canvass painting class were all canceled because of lack of participation. The staff is organizing a going away party for Linnette Barker at the Pepper Pod on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 6 pm and would like the Council to attend. The Town Hall Groundbreaking proposed budget of \$3,500.00 will include free stuff for residents including, key chains, magnets, t-shirts and possibly a keepsake of some type. This cost will also cover the sand pile and toys for the kids and a band. The library will be sponsoring a balloon artist, face painters and a comedy act. This cost will also include a coffee and smoothie cart. United Power, Anadarko and Halliburton are sponsoring the food. There will be a ballot box on site that will allow residents to "Name the Buffalo" mascot.

Hunter Fobare, Utility and Public Works Director, reported that the staff is working on sprinkler repairs at the park. He is getting several bid proposals for numerous projects. The shallow well should be complete by this Friday.

Dan Hamsmith, Economic Development Director, reported that he is preparing for a major emergency management conference this fall. The Northeast Development Corridor will be hosting a large event on September 22, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Wild Animal Sanctuary's new convention center. He is moving forward and putting together the language for the ballot question on broadband. He has not sent any RFP's yet for trash service. The current contract expires in December 2016. He is speaking with the president of Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers about press releases, tip lines and rewards for tips in the Town of Hudson.

Ray Patch, Mayor, asked that we receive quotes for curbside recycling for residents.

Joe Racine, Town Manager, reported that there was vandalism at the Veteran's Memorial and six new floodlights were broken. Public works will be installing solar lights on the top of the two flagpoles.

Joe Hammock, Councilmember, asked what could be done to prevent this from happening again.

Maria Chavez, Councilmember, reported that she enjoyed the CML Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 p.m.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO

Mayor

ATTEST

Town Clerk Pro-Tem