

MINUTES
TOWN OF HUDSON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 16th, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor, Laura Hargis – Present
Councilmember, Candace Nolf – Present
Councilmember, Joe Hammock – Present
Councilmember, Sarah Stadler – Present
Councilmember, Daniel Warren – Present
Councilmember, Lisa Marie Buesgens – Present

Heather Meierkort, Interim Town Clerk, took roll call and (6) Councilmembers were present.

Town Staff Present:

Jennifer Woods – Interim Town Manager
Hilary Graham – Town Attorney
Lee Walhus – Interim Public Works and Utilities Director
Scott Sedgwick – Interim Police Chief
Heather Meierkort – Interim Town Clerk
Sophia Campbell – Recreation and Events Coordinator

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 Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2022
- b. Ratification of Bills
- c. Pit Stop Liquors – Liquor License Renewal

Councilmember Stadler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammock to approve the Consent Agenda.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, Hammock, and Mayor Hargis.
Nay: None
Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

2) PRESENTATION

a. Rec & Events Committee Strategic Plan Update

Sophia Campbell, Town Rec & Events Coordinator, reported that the committee recently had a meeting where they reviewed the municipal code, why the committee began, and what their goals would be moving forward.

3) GENERAL BUSINESS

a. **ORDINANCE 22-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE HUDSON MUNICIPAL CODE THE HUDSON RECREATION COMMITTEE. First Reading.**

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, stated these amendments are meant to ensure the continuity of coverage for the committee and to allow non-residents of Hudson to be involved.

There was discussion regarding how to involve non-residents in the committee, but to keep Hudson residents as the majority voters on the committee. It was decided to postpone this ordinance to the next council meeting so language could be added regarding the majority regulations.

It was also decided that Councilmember Buesgens would join the Rec & Events Committee as the council representative. There will be a resolution for this appointment at the March 2nd, 2022 meeting.

Councilmember Stadler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nolf to postpone Ordinance 22-01: An Ordinance amending article 19 of chapter 2 of the Hudson Municipal Code the Hudson Recreation Committee. First Reading.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.
Nay: None
Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

- b. RESOLUTION 22-13: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CO-52 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY, ADOPTING THE CO-52 ACCESS CONTROL PLAN (ACP), AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ON THESE MATTERS.**

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, reported several groups are responsible for studying and planning the future growth of State Highway 52. The Town will support these groups and the IGA since Highway 52 greatly impacts the Town.

Councilmember Stadler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammock to approve Resolution 22-13: A Resolution in support of the CO-52 Planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study, adopting the CO-52 access control plan (ACP), and approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with various government entities on these matters.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.

Nay: None

Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

- c. RESOLUTION NO. 22-14: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOINT ESCROW AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 52 TO THE TOWN TO FULFILL AN OBLIGATION OF BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY AND EVINCING THE TOWN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE SUCH REAL PROPERTY (CHAVEZ)**

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, reported this is part of the Highway 52 improvements and part of the BNSF improvements to their railyard. They need more property to complete their improvements.

Councilmember Nolf made a motion, seconded by Councilmembers Stadler to approve Resolution No. 22-14, a resolution approving the joint escrow agreement for the transfer of certain real property along state highway 52 to the Town to fulfill an obligation of BNSF railway company and evincing the Town's acceptance of the such real property (Chavez).

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.

Nay: None

Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

- d. RESOLUTION NO. 22-15: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWN'S PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND ACCEPTING SUCH PROPERTY**

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, reported that this is a purchase and sale agreement. It is the

same project as the previous resolution and BNSF will reimburse the Town for this purchase.

Councilmember Stadler made a motion, seconded by Councilmembers Warren and Hammock to approve Resolution No. 22-15, a resolution approving an agreement for the Town's purchase of certain real property and accepting such property.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.
Nay: None
Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

4) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. Resignation Letter – Maria Chavez (January 19, 2022)

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, stated the letter is in the packet at the request of Maria Chavez.

- b. Town Clerk communication on the submission of the Willard Annexation application pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-12-107(1)(f).

Heather Meierkort, Interim Town Clerk, reported that per state statute, staff is reporting that the Town has received an application for annexation on the Willard Property.

5) STAFF REPORTS

Jennifer Woods, Interim Town Manager, reported that Police Chief Jay Hirokawa has resigned, and Sergeant Scott Sedgwick is the Interim Police Chief until the search for a new chief is completed. We have onboarded our new HR Group and are working on getting open jobs posted. The Town has 13 positions open right now, and we have 27 positions total. She has met with Ft. Lupton to discuss the IGA. Broadband is almost completed, there just need to be connections made under the railroad tracks which is moving forward. There will be a reappointment to Planning Commission at the next council meeting; one of the commissioners term was up.

Hilary Graham, Town Attorney, stated the opioid settlement that the Town entered into is forming a regional council. Per the agreement, the Town of Hudson has a seat on this council and it is time to make an appointment to that seat. This could be done by resolution at the next meeting.

It was decided that Councilmember Nolf would join this regional committee and Councilmember Stadler would take her place on the CML Policy Committee.

Heather Meierkort, Interim Town Clerk, stated we have received five applications for council.

After discussion, it was decided that council would hold a work session at 5 PM before the council meeting on March 2nd to interview the applicants and the appointment for the new member would be on March 16th at the council meeting.

Scott Sedgwick, Interim Police Chief, reported the police department went through town and gave warnings to vehicles parked on the streets and town easements. This was to make residents aware of the parking ordinance that is in place.

Lee Walhus, Interim Public Works and Utilities Director, stated he will be sending out two letters next week about water violations. One was that we did not meet the quota for backflow preventers because we could not get into the prison. The second letter states that there are high TTHMs at Chemical and Metal Industries because the line does not get used enough, so we will flush the hydrants there more often. There was a water break at Motherlode Co-Packing but it has been fixed.

Councilmember Warren stated he read an article in the newspaper saying the state of Colorado is looking at restricting the ability of towns to slow their own growth, and it may be something to keep updated on.

Mayor Hargis reported that we need a new Mayor Protem.

Councilmember Warren stated he would like to volunteer.

Mayor Hargis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nolf to elect Councilmember Warren as Mayor Protem.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.

Nay: None

Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

Sophia Campbell, Recreation and Events Coordinator , stated the Rec and Events Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Easter egg hunt on April 9th, and the Founder's Day Celebration will be on April 2nd and planning is underway. The animal clinic is on April 23rd.

6) CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

7) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Section 3.12(1)(c) of the Hudson Home Rule Charter for matters of attorney-client privilege, to receive legal advice from an attorney representing the Town, and for matters required by law to be kept confidential 1) regarding a police department assessment; and 2) regarding litigation covered by insurance.

Councilmember Warren made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Nolf to enter executive session.

The vote was as follows:

Aye: Councilmembers Nolf, Hammock, Warren, Stadler, Buesgens, and Mayor Hargis.

Nay: None

Mayor Hargis declared the motion carried.

Council entered executive session at 7:04 PM.

Council exited executive session at 7:47 PM.

8) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 pm.

TOWN OF HUDSON, COLORADO


Mayor

ATTEST


Interim Town Clerk

