

ELECTION MINUTES
April 4, 2023
Biennial Meeting
Town of Hochatown, Oklahoma

I: Meeting Convened

1. Time Meeting Called to Order:

Mayor Dian Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:19pm and asked the Town Clerk for a Roll Call of the Trustees.

2. Roll Call:

Trustee Name	Present	Absent
Janet Cress	Y	
Howard Haggard	Y	
Dian Jordan	Y	
Todd McDaniel	Y	
Chad Sargent	Y	

II: Business Agenda

INFORMATION: The following items are hereby designated for discussion and consideration which requires **INDIVIDUAL** action.

1. Reading of Election Notice:

By Dian Jordan, Mayor

2. Appointment of Board of Tellers:

By Dian Jordan, Mayor

Appointed: Cathy Burke, Liz George, Amanda Mullins

3. Discussion of eligibility of voters and candidates

By Dian Jordan, Mayor

Mayor Jordan explained that the vote would be by secret ballot system, as provided by the Town Meeting Act. Eligible voters must be registered to vote with McCurtain County Election Board with a Hochatown address. Eligible candidates must be a Hochatown resident and registered voter for at least 6 months.

4. Nomination of Candidates to fill the office of Town Trustee Position No. 1, and to fill the office of Town Trustee Position No. 3, and to fill the office of Town Trustee

Position No. 5 for a term expiring in April of 2027; and confirmation of qualifications of nominees to serve in said positions.

Mayor Jordan asked for nominees for Trustee positions 1, 3, and 5.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITION 1, 3, & 5 NOMINATIONS	
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Chad Sargent	Accepted
Todd McDaniel	Accepted
Dian Jordan	Accepted
Howard Haggard	Declined
Janet Cress	Declined
Randy Coleman	Declined
Jason Pike	Not present/Ineligible
Rusty Wheeler	Declined

5. Address by candidates to voters, limit 2 minutes per candidate.

Not applicable as positions 1, 3, and 5 filled by acclamation due to only three candidates to fill three seats.

6. Vote to fill Town Trustee Position No.1, Town Trustee Position No. 3, and Town Trustee Position No 5.

Not applicable as positions 1, 3, and 5 filled by acclamation due to only three candidates to fill three seats.

7. Nomination of Candidates to fill the office Town Trustee Position No. 2 and to fill the office of Town Trustee Position No. 4 for a term expiring in April of 2025; and confirmation of qualifications of nominees to serve in said positions.

Mayor Jordan asked for nominees for Trustee positions 2 and 4.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITION 2 & 4 NOMINATIONS	
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Howard Haggard	Accepted
Janet Cress	Accepted
Randy Coleman	Accepted
Lymon Choate	Declined

8. Address by candidates to voters, limit 2 minutes per candidate.

Each candidate addressed the voters within their 2 minute timeframe.

9. Vote to fill Town Trustee Position No. 2 and Town Trustee Position No. 4.

Voters were instructed and given time to mark their ballots and return them to the ballot box.

10. Nominations and election to fill the office of Treasurer for a term expiring in April of 2027; and confirmation of qualifications of nominees to serve in said positions.

Mayor Jordan asked for nominees for the Town Treasurer position.

TOWN TREASURER NOMINATIONS	
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Charles Ward	Accepted

11. Address by candidates to voters, limit 2 minutes per candidate.

No address was needed as there was a single nominee.

12. Vote to fill the office of Treasurer.

No vote was needed as there was a single nominee.

13. Nominations and election to fill the office of Town Clerk for a term expiring in April of 2025; and confirmation of qualifications of nominees to serve in said positions.

Mayor Jordan asked for nominees for the Town Clerk position.

TOWN CLERK NOMINATIONS	
<i>Nominee Name</i>	<i>Accept/Decline</i>
Helen Harden	Accepted

14. Address by candidates to voters, limit 2 minutes per candidate.

No address to the voters was needed as there was a single nominee.

15. Vote to fill the office of Town Clerk

No vote was needed as there was a single nominee.

16. Election and Vote on Proposition No 1.: *SHALL THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TOWN EXCISE TAX OF FOUR PERCENT (4.0%), IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE EXCISE TAXES PRESENTLY BEING LEVIED OR ASSESSED, UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM LODGING WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03-07-01 ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN ON THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2023 WITH ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF ALL TAXES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA BE APPROVED?*

Mayor Jordan read Proposition No. 1 regarding the levy and assessment of a Town Excise Tax of 4%. She instructed the voters to mark their ballots and return them to the ballot box.

17. Election and Vote on Proposition No. 2.: *SHALL THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TOWN EXCISE TAX (SALES AND USE TAX) OF THREE PERCENT (3%), IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE EXCISE TAXES (SALES AND USE) PRESENTLY BEING LEVIED OR ASSESSED, UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OR GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM ALL SALES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA WHICH ARE TAXABLE UNDER THE OKLAHOMA SALES AND USE TAX, AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-03-07-02 ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN ON THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 2023 WITH ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF ALL TAXES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, OKLAHOMA BE APPROVED?*

Mayor Jordan read Proposition No. 2 regarding the levy and assessment of a Town Excise Tax (sales and use tax) of 3%. She then instructed the voters to mark their ballots and return them to the ballot box.

18. Recess by Board of Tellers to tally votes.

19. Announcement of Election Results.

Mayor Jordan announced the final results for the Trustee positions 1, 3, and 5 which were elected by acclamation.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS 1, 3, AND 5 VOTES	
<i>Candidate Name (Top 3 elected)</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Dian Jordan	N/A
Todd McDaniel	N/A
Chad Sargent	N/A
<i>Total Votes Cast for Board of Trustees</i>	Acclamation

Dian Jordan, Todd McDaniel, and Chad Sargent were elected to fill Trustee Positions 1, 3, and 5.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS 2 & 4 VOTES	
<i>Candidate Name (Top 2 elected)</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Janet Cress	58
Howard Haggard	64
Randy Coleman	42

Howard Haggard and Janet Cress were elected to fill Trustee Positions 2 and 4.

TOWN TREASURER VOTES	
<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Charles Ward	N/A
<i>Total Votes Cast for Town Treasurer</i>	Acclamation

TOWN CLERK VOTES	
<i>Candidate Name</i>	<i>Number of Votes</i>
Helen Harden	N/A
<i>Total Votes Cast for Town Clerk</i>	Acclamation

PROPOSITION 1: LODGING TAX	
<i>TOTAL VOTES FOR:</i> 68	<i>TOTAL VOTES AGAINST:</i> 16

Proposition 1 Passed.

PROPOSITION 2: SALES TAX	
<i>TOTAL VOTES FOR:</i> 52	<i>TOTAL VOTES AGAINST:</i> 31

Proposition 2 Passed.

Votes Counted and Audited By: Liz George, Cathy Burke, and Amanda Mullins

III: Adjournment

Discussion and possible action to adjourn.

Mayor Jordan asked if there was a motion on this item:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

By: Janet Cress

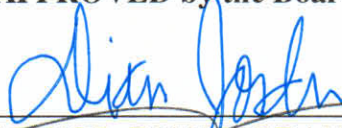
Second: Todd McDaniel


Roll Call:

Trustee Name	Vote
Janet Cress	Y
Howard Haggard	Y
Dian Jordan	Y
Todd McDaniel	Y
Chad Sargent	Y

Time Meeting Adjourned: 6:40pm


APPROVED by the Board of Trustees this 11 th day of April, 2023.


MAYOR, DIAN JORDAN


TRUSTEE, CHAD SARGENT


TRUSTEE, JANET CRESS


TRUSTEE, HOWARD HAGGARD


TRUSTEE, MICHAL TODD MCDANIEL

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

