

RESOLUTION NO. 10

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, MCCURTAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT TOWN MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hochatown acknowledges that public comment is not required under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act or the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as set forth in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Opinion at 1998 OK AG 45;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hochatown desires to afford citizens an opportunity to present their views on matters of public importance and desires to the ability to set forth reasonable time, place and manner guidelines governing public comment at Town meetings;

WHEREAS, the Town of Hochatown acknowledges that Public Comment will only be permitted when it is included as an agenda item on a Town meeting and that the guidelines set forth herein will govern all public comment if and when public comment is included on any agenda of a Town meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOCHATOWN, MCCURTAIN COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

THAT the following guidelines shall apply when public comment is permitted:

1. All persons seeking to comment must sign in at least 10 minutes prior to the start of a meeting.
2. The sign in sheet will require the party seeking to be heard to include their name, contact information, and the agenda item upon which they desire to be heard.
3. Each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes for a total time for public comment of 10 minutes.
4. If you are speaking on behalf of a group, only one person from the group should be designated as the speaker for the group.
5. Be courteous, polite and respectful when addressing the Board.
6. Speakers may only speak about items listed on the Agenda.
7. Trustees are not permitted to respond to the Speaker but may only listen. Trustees may discuss comments during the relevant agenda item only but may not engage in a dialogue directly with the speaker or other member of the public unless expressly included on a separate agenda item.
8. These rules may be modified by further resolution of the Board.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of Nov., 2023.



TOWN OF HOCHATOWN

By: Alexander Harder, Town Clerk