

January 2, 2014

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Tom Jerome, Sue Inman, Steve Cox,  
Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Cindy Wilson, Ashley Coombs, Bob and Chyleen Mackey, Drew Parkin,  
Peg Smith.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion that we approve the minutes of the meeting held December 5.  
Tom seconded the motion. Bill abstained from voting because he was not at the meeting.  
The Council Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Drew Parkin reported first that the marathon was successful—they had good feedback  
from the participants. They are planning to do it again this year on the second weekend in  
October. He then discussed the **Escalante clinic**. They have been working toward  
getting an expanded clinic for four years. (Keith Watts came.) After some economic  
downturns, they were granted funding this year and feel very fortunate to have received it.  
Two advantages that helped get the funding are that they are working with and through  
the Wayne Community Health Center and we are in a rural, low income area.

They received a federal Rural Health Care grant of \$900,000, of which \$150,000 will be  
used for medical and dental equipment and \$750,000 will go toward funding the sliding  
scale program (charges dependant on patient's income) for 18 months. Fifty percent of  
the population to be served by the clinic has no health insurance. One advantage is that  
the elderly, who have no dental coverage through Medicare, will be able to get dental  
work done through the sliding scale program. If the clinic continues to be successful, the  
grant money should continue to be provided. WCHC has been receiving it since 1979,  
and Escalante will be working through them.

To implement the program, they will use the existing Kazan Clinic facility for the next  
year, beginning on February 3. Currently Intermountain Health Care operates the clinic,  
but they are backing out, even though they will still be associated with it. It will be  
managed by WCHC and will be open five days a week for medical services. They have  
hired a Nurse Practitioner, who will provide continuity. Garfield Memorial Hospital  
(IHC) doctors will come one day a week. There will also be a nurse. By the first of April  
this year there will be pharmacy services. The entire clinic will include medical,  
pharmaceutical, dental, and mental health services, all on a sliding scale. They may also  
offer other services.

Each community served by the clinic has a person on the board. Drew Parkin is representing Escalante, and Chyleen Mackey represents Boulder. Anyone in our community can give input to Chyleen. The intent is to build a new clinic, and they have hired an architect and engineer to design it. They have three properties in mind but haven't yet chosen which to purchase. The plan is that, when the new facility is completed, they will transfer the medical facilities to it and probably turn the Kazan facility into the dental clinic, plus either physical therapy or mental health. When fully operational, the plan is to have, in addition to the IHC doctor once a week (Dr. Miller will be the medical director of the clinic) and the nurse practitioner five days a week, there will be one or two medical assistants (nurses of some level), dentist, dental assistant, pharmacist, and receptionist. For the first year, they have received a grant to hire an outreach coordinator.

The only way the clinic can be successful is for the people to use it. They have \$500,000 available for the new building. The plan is that Escalante City will own it. Eventually they would like to have a helipad and an assisted living facility if they can buy a large enough piece of land.

Gladys made a motion that we apply for a **CIB grant** to build restrooms at the Tract Park as discussed in the public hearing. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Corry Johnson is sick and unable to attend, but Steve reported that nine members of the Fire Department will be attending **Winter Fire School** on January 10-11. They have received a \$2,500 grant which will cover most of the expenses. They have added two members to the Department.

The Mayor asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Tom made a motion that the Council adjourn to executive session. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Steve, yes; Sue, yes; Tom, yes; Gladys, yes; Bill, yes. Open meeting adjourned for executive session at 7:40. At 7:55, Gladys made a motion that open meeting resume. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Steve, yes; Sue, yes; Tom, yes; Gladys, yes; Bill, yes.

Bill proposed that we appoint Tabor Dahl to fill the **vacancy on the Planning Commission**. The Council was unanimous in approving the appointment.

Gladys made a motion that we hire Corry Johnson as **custodian** at \$12/hour until the end of May. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion that we hire Adalee Muse as part-time **clerk assistant helper** at \$10/hour as needed. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Department reports were given. Steve and Gladys had nothing to report. Sue reported that the landfill has been cleaned up. It is muddy. The County dug a new construction pit. Eric is continuing the street sign project.

Tom reported that the Planning Commission is continuing the public hearing on the Table of Uses definitions as well as discussion on temporary use permits. There may be the presentation of a conceptual subdivision plan. Tom also reported that he has told Scott Brodie that if the problem of activities at his farm is not resolved by this summer, he will ask the Town Council how we want to proceed.

Judi presented the Council with a copy of a comparison of this year's budget with actual income and expenditure figures as of December 31. This is the result of the recommendation of our auditor.

Bill thanked Sue for her service on the Council. She has done a great job, and the street signs are a wonderful addition to our town.

Tom made a motion we adjourn. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk