

October 7, 2010

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Dennis Bertucci, Sue Inman, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Excused: Gladys LeFevre, Council Member.

Public Present: Bob and Naomi Brems, Deon Alvey, Peg Smith, John Veranth, John Wolfer and Kathy McCance, Alyssa Thompson, Jabe Beal, Ashley Coombs, Tom Jerome, Al Barlow, Chyleen Mackey, Walt Gove, Drew Parkin, Scott Brodie, Chris O'Dell, Mark Nelson.

Pledge of allegiance

Randy made a motion we approve the minutes of the September 2 and September 8 meetings. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Drew Parkin from Escalante introduced Al Barlow and Deon Alvey. All three have been board members on hospitals. Last spring Escalante held a visioning meeting from which came a committee designated to explore health care issues. They arrived at two conclusions: 1) People in the community are not receiving health care, and 2) They have a clinic, but it is limited in that it is open only three days/week and has no dental or mental health care, no pharmacy, and no diagnostic equipment. There is no whole range of health care.

They believe the best option to solve the problems is for Escalante to integrate with Wayne Community Health Center (WCHC) and become one organization. They are subsidized by a federal grant which allows them to work on a sliding scale. The WCHC has agreed with the proposal if Escalante can get a grant to expand. The proposal is that they become part of the WCHC and become one. They will pursue the grant together. The new format would retain the current personnel in Escalante. Escalante City, IHC, the County Commission, and Garfield Memorial Hospital are working as a partnership to make this happen. They are going ahead with the proposal and would like us to partner with them. Our citizens would not have to go to Escalante; however, it is closer and offers the advantage of less mileage. (Mary Jane Coombs came.)

Both hospitals (Panguitch and Richfield) are IHC affiliated. The new partnership would allow us to expand our opportunities for health care and would expand insurance possibilities for the Kazan Clinic. It may be that some of the personnel from Bicknell will come to Escalante occasionally. It would become a five-day clinic. In order to get the grant, they have to have laboratory, dental and mental service and a pharmacy.

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Randy asked what “partner with Boulder” means? They would like a letter of support, not money. Even now, since we have a few Boulder people on their committee, we can and do have representation. WCHC is not a government entity but is a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors. If “we” join them, we would have an opportunity to have representation on that Board. They would like a letter of support from the Town Council as well as letters from individuals, and they need them by the end of the month. The letters will reinforce the need for the additional health service. Dennis made a motion that the Boulder Town Council support the efforts of the WCHC and Escalante Clinics to improve the health care, and we should send a letter so stating. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Judi will write the letter. If anyone has had a personal experience that demonstrates the lack of service, they would like that.

There was a discussion on the services of the pharmacy, which would allow dispensing of medication in Escalante, even on an emergency basis.

Tom presented the final Park Master Plan, which has been in the making for at least two years. We have needed this final plan in order to renew the BLM R&PP lease. Tim Clarke (for withGaia) has prepared the final plan that we will use to request renewal of our lease. Jabe Beal stated that the 7-1/2 acres of BLM land is administered by the Kanab Field Office. They want a plan, but it can be changed as long as it meets the intent of the plan. When a certain percentage of the development is finished, we can get a patent on the land, which can be revoked if we deviate from the intent. Our goal should be to complete enough work in the next five years to go through this process. A representative from Utah State Parks came earlier this year to review requirements of a grant for help with trails, but their requirements were excessive for our needs, so we won't pursue their grant.

The Capital Improvements List was reviewed and discussed. Randy made a motion we approve the updated list as discussed. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Scott asked if the town would put deed restrictions on the parcel we bought from the Wilsons requiring that it be used only for park purposes in perpetuity. It could be worded so that it is tied up for now but would be released from that restriction if we don't acquire the BLM property. The Council agreed to consider the request at the next meeting.

We need to have a meeting to get public input on what the citizens want in the new building. We will hold an open house on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00. [This was later changed to 7:30.]

Bob Brems, on behalf of the Van Quills, reported that they have completed their work

some time ago and that the outhouse is filled, the seat has been removed, and the hole is covered with plywood. The structure is now a tool shed. They have reported this to Brian Palmer at the Health Department, and he will check it next time he is in town.

In discussing the road problem, he stated that he thought he was to be host of the meeting since the walkthrough would be through his property. He became ill and, hoping it could be canceled, tried to arrange for that but couldn't reach Bill. There was confusion over whether the walk would still be held. The Council was unanimous in wanting to keep the meeting as planned. Bill talked to Garkane about moving the power line, but it is a main transmission line and would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to move it. It is 28 feet west of the Van Quill's property line, but we can't move it. There was a discussion on various options for solving the problems. 1) The Van Quills and Bremeses would like to get rid of the Hall's current fence. 2) We could leave it as is. 3) We could let everyone use the road. 4) Bob said that, if Doug moves his fence, Van Quills should put one up, too. Two fences would bring peace. We'll see if both owners will put a fence on their lines, but will not expect it to happen until spring.

Dennis discussed having a schedule for posting the agenda. The Council would like to know as far ahead as possible of items that will be on the agenda in order to improve communication. He suggested that Judi notify him, and he would then talk to other Council members with details of each item. Bill doesn't have a problem with having a pre-agenda agenda. Of necessity, executive session items can't be discussed ahead of time or outside of the session. It was decided that Judi will notify the Council ten days before a regular meeting of the items that are known to be coming up on the agenda. If anyone has questions, they can call her.

The Planning Commission is doing a pre-test of the new survey to work out any bugs. They will probably do the survey in January.

The Fire Department reported a leak in the roof of the firehouse that caused a portion of the roof to fall in. They responded to an accident on the mountain and stayed to direct traffic. Four from the Fire Department responded, and the operation went smoothly. Randy offered thanks from the EMT's to the Fire Department and reported that they will be having an appreciation dinner for them at Hills and Hollows on Oct. 18.

Sue reported that there have been problems with trespassing at the landfill and broken glass and things being strewn around. She has a concern about our liability and was directed to report the trespassing to the Sheriff's Department. The landfill needs to be burned. It will be done as soon as it is dry enough. She would like to prioritize the maintenance of all roads. Some mowing and burning has been done. Doran has time to work now. Sue has identified with yellow ribbon where work needs to be done, including

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blind corners and willow problems. Eric has been doing some work, but she will contact Doran, too. Eric is doing the hanging trees and brush. Bill will have Doran brush hog, with the school being top priority.

The Mayor reported that the County is lacking \$300/person for EMT training and wondered if we can come up with that much. It is probable that all of the people who expressed an interest in taking the class will not take it. Randy will follow up on details and bring them to the November meeting.

Judi reported that Faleisha Owens will be submitting an application for a home occupation business license for her hair salon. The Council gave her permission to approve the completed application when she gets it.

Randy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Clerk