

December 6, 2012

Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

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

Public Present: Alan Scott, Mark Thomas, Ashley Coombs, Peg Smith, Stephanie Touati,
Mike Nelson, Bess Bennett.

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion we accept the minutes of the November 1 meeting. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

As a result the discussion held earlier this evening, it was decided that we will schedule a vote on the **Full Moon Farms and Springhill subdivision applications** for the January 3 meeting. We will require a bond to ensure the infrastructure and will let Rachel know the amount, which we will get from Randy Catmull of the water company. Gladys made a motion that we set January 3 as the date we will vote on the two subdivision applications and that, prior to that time, the mayor will find out the amount of the bond and let the clerk know so that she can notify Rachel. If the bond is in place and the original consent forms are in hand, we will vote that night. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Sue made a motion that we approve changes to the **2012-13 budget** as discussed in the public hearing. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tom made a motion that we approve changes to Section 1018 of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission and that we **adopt Ordinance 59B** which states those changes. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Peg, representing the **Boulder Community Alliance**, asked if the Town wants to collaborate with the BCA on an Our Town grant for improvements in the Tract Park. They have checked into the grant, which precludes any kind of construction. It could be used for design and any kind of arts related things, such as interpretive signage along the paths. They are still trying to find out just what can be done, and the deadline to apply is January 15. It is a touchy time for federal funding, but there are other kinds of funding if this is not available. The Town is willing to collaborate with them. They will take on the lion's share of work by filling out applications, etc. The BCA is planning to host a needs assessment, information gathering session on January 14 (time to be announced) to get ideas of what the community wants to see the Town accomplish, such as the park, horse-

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related things, a shooting range, etc. They hope to get a good representation of townspeople and find out who's interested in what. They want to coordinate with groups in town, including the Town itself, to get things on a calendar as early as possible to coordinate the schedules of miscellaneous events so we don't have everything scheduled on the same day. She announced new members of their board: Becky Crystal, Katie Austin, and Scott Brodie, and said that the complete board will be convening for their first meeting next Monday.

Costs of **EMT training** were discussed with Stephanie and Bess, who are planning to take the course. The Town will pay tuition, travel and all other costs. In the event that weather prohibits their returning home on any given night, we will pay the cost of staying over an extra night. We will adjust the budget amounts accordingly.

The **Capital Improvements List** was discussed and updated. The one-year project will be restrooms for the tract park, priced at \$52,000. The five-year projects, in order, will be the pavilion (\$60,000), amphitheater (\$100,000), and cemetery improvements (\$50,000, with the Town providing \$5,000 of the cost.)

The schedule for Council meetings in 2013 will remain the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except July, when the meeting will be held on the second Thursday. We will hold our celebration on July 4.

Some maintenance has been done on the roadsides. Sue has found square 8' sign posts at a lower cost than the others. The state may be able to find us some for even less, and the prison makes signs. The buildings and grounds are great. Gladys expressed appreciation to those who use the building and leave it clean. She plans to have a cemetery meeting in January.

Tom reported that the Planning Commission is continuing a discussion on the General Plan. Peg has completed a checklist for applicants for Conditional Use Permits. Loch has withdrawn his application for a change to the Zoning Ordinance. There was concern expressed about the **dark skies** section of the ZO, with some feeling that there is more lighting in town than necessary, including the lighting on this building. Tom wondered why we have so many lights on the building that are on all night and asked if there is a way to turn off the building lights except during events. Bill stated that he likes the building lights and feels like they are not excessive. Those people who do have lights that are non-compliant because they were in place before the ordinance have been approached about bringing them into compliance, with the town helping with hoods, etc., but they have all declined the offer. He feels like this building is the centerpiece of town, which is very dark at night, and the lights help identify who we are. He likes the lights the way they are.

The other light in question is the outside light on the southeast edge of the town grounds. Could we have either an on-off switch or a motion sensor placed on it? It isn't hooded. We've had a few security issues. Ashley thinks the lights should stay on, not only here but throughout town. The church and school both have outside lights that are on at night, and he thinks the same should hold true for this building. Sue thinks the exterior lights are a deterrent, and she is favor of them being on. Steve isn't affected by them. Gladys wondered if we could have reduced lighting. There were no strong opinions. Dark skies are a priority in our ordinance, and Tom believes in energy efficiency. There is a sense that the Planning Commission feels the same as we do—mixed. There could be a security advantage to having them. Motion sensors can be problematic. Peg wondered if we could consider a reduction in the lighting instead of a total blackout. Mike agrees that the building is a beacon of the town. We can check with Nate to see what the possibilities could be.

Gladys made a motion that Bill vote the Town's irrigation water shares. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion the Council go to executive session to discuss personnel. Steve seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Tom, yes; Gladys, yes; Steve, yes; Sue, yes; Bill; yes. Open meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:30. At 8:40, Gladys made a motion that open meeting resume. Tom seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Tom, yes; Gladys, yes; Steve, yes; Sue, yes; Bill, yes.

Bill appointed Caroline Gaudy and Cindy Wilson to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission. There was unanimous approval of the Council.

Tom made a motion the meeting adjourn. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.