

February 4, 2010

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

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

Public present: Ray Nelson, Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Mike Nelson, Alyssa Thompson, Matt Cochran and Constance Lynn, Boz Bosworth, Steve and Cheryl Cox, Keith Watts, Shelly Ripplinger, Tom Jerome.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion we approve the minutes of the meetings of January 7 and January 25 as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. Randy abstained from voting because he wasn't at either meeting; the rest of the council and mayor voted in favor of the motion.

The Independence Day celebration will be held Saturday, July 3.

Gladys made a motion to approve the appointment of Judi Davis as Clerk. Randy seconded the motion. Dennis made a motion to approve the appointment of Gladys LeFevre as Treasurer. Randy seconded the motion. The vote on both motions was unanimous.

Two business license applications were presented. Alyssa Thompson submitted an application for a home baking business to be known as Boulder Mountain Baking, in which she would bake at home and sell the products through orders or as a mobile business. A new law now allows such a business. Her paperwork was in order, and an inspector will be coming within two to three weeks to inspect her kitchen. Dennis made a motion we approve the application based on the approval of the Department of Agriculture and receipt of other required documentation. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Cox submitted an application for a business license for the Boulder Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization which sponsors not only the Boulder Heritage Festival but other activities such as writing and birding workshops. While the town doesn't require a non-profit to have a business license, she needs one to satisfy the needs of some donors. Randy made a motion we approve Cheryl's application. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (Walt Gove came.)

Matt reported on the rotenone committee's meeting with Mike Ottenbacher and a man from the Forest Service. Mike isn't willing to work with them, and they are not willing to

have rotenone. The committee offered the help of townspeople in various ways to reach the goal without the use of rotenone, but the DWR didn't accept the offer. They were glad to learn that the next round of poisoning won't be until the fall, which gives them additional time to come up with other proposals. They feel the Environmental Assessment (EA) wasn't done exactly as it should have been, as they used the FERC contract to bypass the usual method. The potential may be available to request that the Forest Service do an EA so there can be public comment. Garkane didn't have to do an EA. A brief history of the entire project was given. The Forest Service required that 2 cfs be removed for the trout. The second part of the rotenone project (for the lower section) is entirely dependant on taking the 2cfs, then putting it back into Boulder Creek. Even the DNR has said that the 2 cfs isn't enough to benefit the fish population, so why do it at all? Representatives of the committee will be at the Post Office next week with petitions for people to sign. Bill gave a brief review of the re-licensing project and suggested some ways the Town could do some ecologically friendly projects to set an example to others.

The three large trees in front of this building have been removed. The trees were too far gone to save and were becoming a liability to the town. The stumps will be leveled, and we could probably replace at least two of the trees. It was hard to see them go, as they have been a part of the town landscape for as long as anyone can remember. The largest piece of stump and piece of wood have nails in, and the cutters weren't willing to ruin their chains by trying to cut any more. When they arrived, they realized their bid was too low. It was based on photographs and bad information. The job was bigger than he had been lead to believe. Bill negotiated a price of \$2800 with him, which was still nearly half what the other two bids were. We will let the wood go as firewood and request a donation of \$30/pickup load. Some will be kept to make a keepsake item as a decoration of some sort for the Town building, which Dennis will be in charge of. The money will be used to buy the replacement trees. Tom will be responsible for getting the trees. Gibbs Smith has offered to bring some trees down when he brings some for himself, so Tom will work with him. Dennis will be responsible for supervising the distribution of the wood, and it will be done Saturday beginning at 9:00. Dennis made a motion we pay A-OK Tree Removal \$2800. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Boulder King Ranch Estates roads are all up to grade, and the drainage problems have been repaired. We will consider what other roads we may want to add to our Class C system before sending in the corrected map to the state. We need to inspect the problem areas identified by the committee that did the survey. Dennis made a motion we accept the roads in BKRE onto our Class C road system. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Town Clerk presented the annual open meetings training. Anyone who wants further

information can find it as a 46-minute podcast on the League of Cities and Towns website: ulct.org.

There was a strong odor of propane in the building a few days ago, so Amerigas came to fix it. As a possible result of the valve having been turned off, the heater in the south room isn't working. Dianne has asked Curtis to check it.

Some time ago we had a discussion on requiring contractors to provide a construction dumpsters at their worksites. Gladys checked on the county requirements, and it was agreed that we should have a section on our building permit application that informs contractors that they must provide for a dumpster. However, we don't think it is feasible or necessary that one be onsite for every project of whatever size, so Gladys will find out just what the county requirements are before we pursue it.

There has been a problem with the County Road people getting past the gate to clear the snow on the road to the landfill. Farlan reported that they have a key, and we had an extra one made for them, so that should solve the problem. Sue will contact Jay Brooks, who is our contact with the County Road Department.

The Planning Commission postponed to this month making a decision on recommendations for changes, if any, to the sign ordinance.

The Fire Department had a successful Winter Fire School.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.