

March 4, 2010

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Sue Inman, Council Member; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Absent: Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Randy Ripplinger, Council Members.

Public Present: Tom Jerome, Boz Bosworth, Steve and Cheryl Cox, Matt Cochran and Constance Lynn, Don Montoya, Curtis Oberhansly, Eric Scott, Mark Nelson, Scott Brodie, BJ Orozco and Abbie Sparks, Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias.

Pledge of allegiance

Because there was not a quorum present, the minutes of the previous meeting were not approved.

Curtis presented a proposal from the Boulder Community Alliance that they pull out the Russian Olive trees along the west boundary of this lot and monitor the results. They would also like to put in two fairly big heritage types of trees out front and some smaller ones beginning at the northwest corner of the lot, then every 15 feet all the way along the west edge. They would like to start them now so they can be mature in a few years. They will not use herbicides on the Russian Olives. If the town is interested, they will proceed. Bill and Sue are in favor. Curtis said they can do cost estimates then come back with a figure. The cost of the trees they would donate would be used as a match for a TreeUtah grant. Scott offered to let them borrow an extraction tool which was donated to the Red House Farm by Amber Hughes.

Tom asked if we want to dig up the new lawn to put new trees in. They could put one next to the old north tree and another by the old tree next to the big rock. If it is decided to put any in the lawn, it is easy to see where the sprinkler system is. For now we will leave the stumps and see whether they sucker. We could prune any suckers to leave just the best ones, but even at that the resultant trees would probably be weak. We could check with an arborist. Tom has filled out a TreeUtah grant application. Gibbs Smith is willing to donate \$3,000 worth of trees from his nursery. The application is for a \$1,500 grant with a \$1,500 match. We have the match already lined up. Tom will get copies of the paperwork to Judi for the town files. We will see that the chips are moved to the north side of the roadway and that the big stumps are moved.

Because preference was given to applicants who were doing low-income housing projects, our CDBG grant for \$130,000 was not approved, and because those projects are two-year activities, there will not be money available next year, either. We would like to

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apply for a \$50,000 grant from Rural Development and split the remaining \$80,000 between the loan and grant for which we are applying to the Community Impact Board. We also need to appropriate \$1,600 more to pay Jones and DeMille for preparing the Rural Development grant application. We will need to have another meeting to vote to apply for another grant, spend the money to apply, and reallocate the remaining money.

The CIB hearing will be April 1. Bill and Judi will attend, along with John Spendlove of Jones and DeMille. This necessitates our changing the date of our April meeting. We could switch April dates with the Planning Commission if they would have a quorum. Peg will poll them and get back to us. Our April meeting will begin at 8:00.

BJ Orozco submitted an application for a llama packing business. We will issue it upon receipt of the remaining paperwork.

Julian Hatch was invited to attend this meeting to explain a change which he requested on one of his current licenses, but because he isn't here, Judi and Mark will address the matter.

Scott Brodie has excess produce, eggs, etc., from his farm and would like to have a self-service area at the Red House Farm where people could come when they wanted and take what they needed, leaving payment. He wondered if he needed a business license. After reviewing the ordinance, Mark suggested that we let him try it for a year and see if it brings in more than \$1,000. If not, it would be exempted under the ordinance. If it brings in more, he will apply for a license. Scott also mentioned that Drew Parkin on the BLM was going to come to this meeting to present information on Highway 12 changes but was unable to come and will plan to come next month.

Sue had a report on the road safety matter, but because of laryngitis she turned the discussion over to Bill. The road inspection committee turned in a report on hazards they identified. The Council will walk the roads when the snow and mud are gone. The public is welcome to participate. Doran will take care of small problems such as overhanging limbs, but larger projects such as removal of large trees like the one on the Lower Boulder Road north of the Wolfers will be contracted out to trained people. There was discussion as to whether that tree needs to come out. Everyone likes it, but the liability is probably the town's if it falls down.

A decision on which roads to add to the Class C road system will be delayed until we have a quorum.

Matt reported that the DNR will do an Environmental Assessment and are trying to move it through quickly so they continue with the program in September. Meanwhile, the

committee is moving forward with their petition, on which they have about 100 signatures so far. During the EA process, they want to gain as much public support as possible so will be sending letters out to a variety of public officials. The thinking is that, the more people know about it, the more public support there will be for their position and the more public comment there will be to the EA, thereby forcing it into an EIS situation, which is a longer process. For now, the rotenone project is stopped.

Bill added that the Forest Service is trying to hurry the EA through so the project can go ahead in September as planned. Garkane will not release the water until this is resolved, but if the EA is done by September, the project will go ahead. He feels we need to move forward and that there is a good chance we will prevail. The Forest Service asked Garkane for a letter of support for their position on the EA, as did Boulder Irrigation Company. Garkane's legal counsel and board advised them that they must remain neutral. If the water is released, criminal charges will be filed, which will delay things. Garkane didn't do an EA during the FERC process, which is legal unless there is public outcry, which there is now, prompting the EA which the Forest Service is doing.

Don feels we need to force them into an EIS because of the number of archaeological sites in the area, and Matt said that is the goal. They plan to do an open house when the scoping process begins for the EA. The expectation is that if an EIS is required, they will probably drop the project.

Constance announced that there will be a solstice ceremony at the Garkane pond Sunday March 21, at 3:00, and Don announced that the pavilion at the church is finished and available for public use.

The landfill has been graded and a good turnaround established. Things have been consolidated, so there is room to get around.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.