

March 7, 2013

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: Gladys LeFevre, Council Member.

Public Present: Danon Hulet (Urban and Community Forester), Ashley Coombs, Cheryl Cox, Larry Davis, Ray Nelson, Sergio Femenias and Peg Smith, Sam Stout, Walt Gove.

Pledge of allegiance

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17. Tom seconded the motion. Bill, Steve and Tom voted in favor, and Sue abstained from voting because she wasn't at the meeting.

Danon Hulet discussed **the Tree City program**, which is of special interest in parks, cemetery, and treescape situations. The main purpose of the program is beautification. It is a nationally known program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the US Forest Service, and state foresters. They provide signs for posting at the entrance to town showing that the town is a Tree City and add yearly stickers each year the program is recertified. There are four standards which have to be met: 1) The Town has to establish a Tree Board. This can be the Council, a group of volunteers, or a parks department. 2) We have to adopt a simple tree care ordinance. 3) There has to be a budget equal to \$2/capita, showing income and expenditures. The income can be met with in-kind labor (valued at \$20.85/hour), and expenditures can be met with the cost of watering, pruning, and other similar expenses. 4) There must be an Arbor Day observance which can be held at any time during the year. Spring and fall are the logical times to hold it if trees will be planted; there can also be a program, workshops, instruction, etc.

The program gives the framework, and his office can come and hold workshops. It also creates pride in the community and opens doors for grants. The Arbor Day Foundation offers a one-time grant to get into the program, and there is a Community Forestry Partnership grant for up to \$8,000 (which requires community match) for which the application is due in September. Mr. Hulet has a template for an ordinance. We have to re-certify every year. We could hold an April luncheon and workshop. December 1 is the deadline to apply for the program, so there's time to do it all. We should have the celebration first, then do the paperwork during the year. The goal of the program is to provide education on urban tree care and to provide funding and help to the communities. The ordinance can be whatever we want—we can specify desirable/undesirable species,

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etc. The ordinance oversees publicly owned/maintained property and doesn't dictate what private landowners can or cannot do. There is money available to create a management plan. We should begin by applying for an Arbor Day grant and get started. We need to invite the community to become involved and make it educational.

Recently the BCA held a public get-together to ask the community "What do you want to see in Boulder?" The number one priority was the establishment of a **shooting range**. The Town will take on the project, and the first step is to form a committee. Bill would like Sergio, Sam, Larry, Bob Mackey, and himself to be on the committee. He asked Larry to be the chair. Sam suggested using the SITLA ground by the landfill. Ray is concerned about the sound that carries from there. Sergio thinks it needs to be further out of town because of extra regulations, sound, and similar things that need to be considered. (Scott Brodie came.) Tom suggested that we need to consider an area with a backstop and no vegetation. The committee will meet and come back when they have something to present. Bill would like Ray Gardner to be involved.

Peg, representing the **BCA**, attended an Escalante River Watershed Partnership meeting. They have received two more years' grant money for initial Russian Olive treatment and are still pursuing the goal of getting beaver on the mountain. DWR will run the program, but BCA will help when and if they get permission to do it. They need to get it past the County. They will hold a Leave it to Beavers activity at Anasazi State Park in September. On the local front, tomorrow at 5:30 Mike Putiak will give a presentation on Medicare reform and health insurance in general. It will be combined with a potluck. BCA is in the process of establishing criteria on how to accept projects, balancing requests for help, etc.

There was a discussion on **grasshopper control**. Last year's project was impromptu. We need the entomologist to come and educate us on types of treatments. Bill does not want the town to take the ball and asked who we can get to arrange the meeting. Peg reported that Michelle LeBaron started the project this year. The entomologist can come and give an information presentation and suggested that he could come the first or second Thursday in April. She will help coordinate setting up the meeting with him. It would give people the information they need so that if there is a problem they will be ready. Ray and Peg will work together on setting up the meeting. It may be wise to have a meeting of interested people before he comes in order to formulate questions.

The Town adopted an **Emergency Operation Plan** in 2008. Steve and Bill have each attended meetings at which they were instructed to update it. Ray Gardner goes to monthly emergency planning meetings. Bill read the current plan. We need to add to the Hazards List: Pandemics. We will be required to have bags on hand for bodies of those who have died as a result of pandemics or other mass emergencies. We will share a roll of those bags with Escalante. We need to add more protocol to our plan. The Council reassigned duties, and Bill will talk to Mike about adding Anasazi State Park as an

additional evacuation area.

Steve reported on the meeting he attended in Cedar City with the Health Department. As much as 2 to 6 to 10% of the population could die as a result of a disease brought in. To prepare for a pandemic, we should have five things: 1) Community Information and Support Center (Steve suggested the Town Hall), 2) CISC Coordinator(s) (suggested Judi and/or Gladys), 3) CISC Staff (we need to update this and let each person know what he does, and everyone should have a backup so there are layers in each area of responsibility), 4) Communication Plan (to tell people to stay home until the pandemic is over), 5) Transportation and Storage of Supplies (handled by Sheriff's Department.)

When people are dead and dying, infection control will be needed. The Health Department has a kit that has everything that is needed in it, although there are additional supplies that could be added that would be useful. These kits are available, and we should get one or more for the town. There are things that, as a town, we need to consider and have a plan for in the event of mass deaths. The County law enforcement personnel will have a lot of responsibility. We need this because it isn't "if" but "when" this happens. We need to re-do the plan and put it on our website. We will get copies of forms to the Council and come back later to compile the list.

We have received the bond and agreement from Rachel Bernstein that are required for the **Full Moon Farms Subdivision**. Tom made a motion we approve the Full Moon Farms Subdivision application. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tom made a motion we approve the **Springhill Farms Subdivision Amendment Application**. Sue seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Our one-year priority on our annual Capital Improvements List is **restrooms for the Tract Park**. Judi participated in the meeting for prioritization of County projects for consideration for CIB funding applications. Because of some uncertainty of money flow over the next years, the Community Impact Fund Board has decided to give only interest-bearing (1 ½%) loans. Grants will only be given except in cases of hardship. Because we are already repaying a loan, and because restrooms are a matter of public health, it is possible that we may qualify for a grant. We will submit our application in October for review sometime the following three months, and funding in February. Judi and Sam will work together to see what engineering has already been done before beginning to work on the application.

Bill appointed Ray Gardner to fill the vacancy on the **Board of Adjustment**. The Council unanimously approved the appointment.

The **April meeting** will be postponed from the first Thursday to Tuesday, April 16.

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The Planning Commission will hold public hearings to receive public comment on the Town's application for a sign permit for the Tract Park and on proposed changes to the General Plan at their meeting next week.

Dave Hensel bid on building the footbridge to the Tract Park and will get started soon. The cost will be \$4,950 plus the work Sam will do. Sam will get the location of the sign to Bill before the public hearing on Tuesday. The County will provide gravel for the paths and will haul it for us. We have pallets of roof tiles that aren't needed for any of the projects, so will keep some in case they are needed for Post Office roof repairs and will see if anyone wants to buy the rest. We need to replace the culvert under the road between the firehouse and the park. Steve reported that Escalante High School has two 8'x12' sheds for sale. They are asking \$1,500 each. They were made in the shop class. One has a five foot opening and the other a three foot opening. Tom said that is less expensive than he could get them from Richfield. Steve will make arrangements to buy both of them.

Sue will make a landfill inspection. She found a place to order street signs and will check with the state to make sure they fit their requirements. She will meet with the County Recorder to make sure we all agree on road names and numbers. Then she will order the signs.

Tom has worked with Gladys on getting double-cell insulating shades. He has measured all the windows and has priced them at below \$2,000. He is trying to get colors that will go well with the inside and outside of the building. He will order them, then we need to hire someone to install them. Tom will meet Monday with Wes Jensen from Torrey to look at what is needed for our sprinkler system. He will bid on a new system, but if he can use some of the existing system, it will lower the cost. He has been in touch with Bob Emrich in Grover who sells native plants and with Wildlands Nursery to get plant lists. When the season is a little further along, the Council will do a walkthrough of the grounds to see what is needed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk