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Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Farlan Behunin, Pete Schaus, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Steve Cox, Carla Saccomano, Geogine Blaser, Sylas Navar, Ashley Coombs, Dennis Bertucci, Jim and Vicky Catmull, Troy and Elizabeth Julian, Autumn Peterson, Donna Owen, Karen Terry, Lisa Varga, Rebecca Harris, Julie Robinson, Scott Bigler, Alyssa Thompson, Peg Smith, Andy and Michala Alldredge, Josh Ellis and Jill Trombley, Heather McDevitt, Cheryl Cox, Scotty Mitchell, Tammy Barton, *Ana Sanders, **Amelia LeFevre.

Pledge of Allegiance

To correct the procedural error made last month in filling the **Council vacancy**, each person who expressed an interest in the position was asked the same questions: “what are your qualifications?” and “why do you want to serve?” Geogine withdrew from consideration. Steve explained that he served four years on the Council, where he learned the behind-the-scenes work. He would like an opportunity to tie up some loose ends. Carla stated that she has never served in a government position, but she has worked for a government. She is in her third year of living here, loves it, and plans to stay. She looks forward to learning what she doesn’t know. Sylas is new to town and believes that government should represent *all* the people. He feels that he can fill that place. Pete made a motion that we vote for a replacement, and Farlan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, as was the decision to appoint Steve Cox to fill the remaining two years.

Farlan made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented. Pete seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Council assignments were made: Pete will continue to be the liaison with the Planning Commission and also with the Fire Department. Steve will oversee the Tract Park and will be the Enforcement Officer. Farlan will be over the roads and landfill, and Gladys will continue having responsibility for the cemetery, buildings, and Town grounds.

Tammy Barton was given the floor to discuss the **Garfield County ambulance**. They will be removing the ambulance from Boulder, but not the EMT’s. We have supported EMT’s better than most, but we don’t have enough, even with Dennis driving to free up the EMT’s for patient care. *(Ana) We have to have a certain number of EMT’s in order to have an ambulance. Each of our current (and training) EMT’s will be given a pager and trauma kit and will respond to calls. The law is that we have to have two EMT’s

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on every ambulance, and one of those has to be advanced. Escalante will store our ambulance in their shed. A lot of continuing education is required. The County is not forsaking us and will leave a defibrillator here. It will not be hard to get the ambulance back if we can support it.

They would like the EMT's and Fire Department to continue working together. To help with this, they could leave some backboards here. The Fire Department people have been good to help as partners. The EMT's would like to have a room somewhere where they could have some shelves stocked with supplies, either the FD bay where they are or somewhere else in town. The makeup, not number, of EMT's will determine when we get the ambulance back.

Steve is concerned that the County may not be supporting emergency services. Tammy explained why she doesn't agree. Steve wonders why, with increased income from tourist money, the County can't put more money toward emergency services. Tammy replied that they are not subsidized much by the County but by income from the services they provide; hence, the two busiest ambulances in the County pay for the others. They would like to be able to pay the EMT's more. Troy restated what Tammy had said by stating that this is not a final decision of abandoning us but we have a goal we can work toward. (**Amelia) If we have enough basic EMT's and someone in training for advanced, we can get the ambulance back.

The Mayor reported that **the light on the court** conforms to our ordinance and is legal. It is an LED dark-sky compatible light but isn't satisfactory and will be replaced. We will get a catalog showing the options available so people can choose a new shade if they want a change.

The Mayor read the letter we sent to our legislative representatives regarding **HB232 (signs)** and also the response from Senator Okerlund. The intent is that the emphasis is on allowing the TODS signs.

Amelia, representing the BCA, would like approval of an area for a **splash pad**. We need to walk the site. A date was set for the walk: The Council, Park Committee, and Planning Commission, if they'd like, will meet at the Community Center on March 28 at 11:00 to choose a site(s). The project is dependant on receiving the grant. Julie wondered about the cost of maintenance and the effects of hard water. Amelia said maintenance is expected to be \$200-250/month during the season of use. Donna wondered if we could pick a couple of sites, post a drawing of them, and let the people give their input.

Cheryl, on behalf of the **Boulder Arts Council**, reported on the need for the Town to designate the Boulder Arts Council as Boulder Town's art agency in order for them to get grants. The current exhibit is a traveling State Youth Art Exhibit. In the past, we have

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paid for one \$125 exhibit/year. She asked if we would appoint a Council member to liaison with the BAC. They would like to use a local group for the 4th of July dance. They have received a donation for artistic flags to be flown at the pavilion during events. Pete asked if the cattleguard entrance could be widened from 12' to 16'. Todd thought he could raise donations for a new one. BAC would like the PC survey to include questions about the place of arts in the town.

Lisa and Karen discussed the **Boulder Recycles lease** agreement. There are issues that still need to be resolved, especially Section 7, Indemnification. BR would like to be added to our policy as an additional insured. They will pay the \$250 additional premium, with the understanding that continuation of the lease will be dependent, in part, on the payment. They asked if we could pull out the indemnification section and replace it with this arrangement. Lisa reported that the County will begin charging homeowners \$60/year on their property taxes for garbage collection.

Judi conducted **Open Meetings Training**.

We will schedule a **public hearing** to consider changes in the definition of Long-term Temporary Use in the Zoning Ordinance. It will be held at 6:30 on April 7.

Farlan will find out when Precision Pipeline will be coming back to finish their project. The landfill was burned Saturday. Farlan will take care of the burn pit. The County will chip seal in late May or June. The holes have to be patched first. Peg would like UDOT traffic issues to be resolved. She would like to see a slower speed through town. The flashing speed limit signs are waiting for the bases to be prepared. Farlan will check on the speed limit through town, and Alyssa is willing to help.

Pete reported that the bid from Jaime Pace for sprinklers is \$6,595 at the pavilion and \$1,800 through the park. His bid for pruning the trees is \$12,000. Steve is not happy with the bid and would like a new one with more detail (tree by tree.) There was no design nor details for the sprinkler system. We need a professional drawing with parts lists, the area to be covered, etc. Steve will follow up on both issues. The Tree Committee should recommend approval of the bid and the Town will approve it and award the contract.

Pete will follow through on the Fire Department issues discussed earlier in this meeting. The Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for Stacy Davis with conditions including providing signs for parking/no parking. They also discussed a Community Land Trust, which would separate the speculative land market from housing. The Land Trust would own the property and build houses on it. Bill asked who buys the land and what land they are considering. Alyssa stated that it is just one idea showing what has been done in other places. It would involve a non-profit organization. She said

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that a similar result could be reached using clustering. They will be discussing Accessory Dwelling Units at this week's meeting.

The sign at the junction of Highway 12 and the Burr Trail is out of date and the sign that is still standing (Boulder Mesa) needs to come down. Steve will talk with Randy. Lisa mentioned that a company has been chosen to create the TODS signs, so when we have a business off the highway that would like one, the process is in place to get it.

We will probably need a new custodian and maintenance person for the Tract Park. We'll discuss the process and requirements next month.

Lisa commented on the Tract Park trail and is pleased that it will go beyond the park to the corner. She asked if it would be possible to extend the trail north beyond the park to the museum, so that people can walk the full distance without having to be on the highway. Steve said we would have to have a permit from UDOT to do something like that.

Steve made a motion the meeting adjourn. Pete seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk