

April 12, 2012

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: Sue Inman, Gladys LeFevre, Council Members

Public present: Randy Catmull, Mike Nelson, Cheryl Cox, Mark Nelson

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion we approve the minutes of the meeting held March 1. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission in June. We will post a notice for interested people to submit their names and make the appointment next month.

Mike gave some background on his request that the Council send a letter to UDOT requesting that they not spray weeds along the highway through Boulder. He reported on an article which connects the autism epidemic with environmental herbicide/pesticide use. He read the letter he wanted us to approve and send. Steve wondered if, since UDOT hasn't sprayed for a year or two, there was a need to write a letter. Tom thought we should be proactive and let them know we don't want it. Steve would like to know more about it. If they aren't spraying and don't plan to, he doesn't think it's necessary. Cheryl asked if someone from UDOT could make a presentation to us. Mike would like us to send a copy of the letter to the county. After a discussion on the Russian Olive project and their use of herbicides, Mike stated that Garkane also switched to using what the Russian Olive people are using when they do their tree cutting. Randy asked if we should then send a copy of the letter to Garkane, also. They don't do general spraying but just treat the trees they cut. Randy suggested that we need to find a way to clean up around the fire hydrants. Steve thought we should let UDOT know that the Council doesn't want them to spray in town and ask if they'd like a letter from us on file so stating, at which time we'd send one. Mike will ask them.

Mark McIff and Boulder Farmstead's attorney have worked out an agreement between both entities which the Council have all read. Tom made a motion we adopt Resolution 2012-1, A Resolution of the Town Council of Boulder Town, Utah Approving and Authorizing Execution of License Agreement with Boulder Farmstead Water Company. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

We posted notices that we would be hiring/contracting for a custodian and

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groundskeeper, but had no interest in either position. We can hire someone without re-advertising. We will wait until next month to decide what to do. Tom reported that the man from Wayne County that he contacted about repairing the sprinkler system may not be able to do it. He will keep working on finding a solution. It will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000 to fix it. (Ashley Coombs came.)

Bill and Steve attended the CIB meeting at which they presented our request for a grant to develop the Tract Park. There was sympathy for our cause, but their money is tight, and the best they could do is to offer us a 30-year loan for \$207,000 with 2 ½ % interest. This is the amount of our request minus the cost of the pavilion and restrooms. This is not a definite offer, but they have moved us on to the next level of hearing and will probably make that offer if we still want to proceed. By June we will have to make a decision on whether to take the loan or not. If we decide to move forward with a loan, we could request more if we want to, but we may or may not get it. The payment would probably be \$2-3,000/year. We still have \$10,000 set aside which we can use if we don't take the loan. The CIB vote was 4-3 to give us a loan, and they may not be willing to give us anything another year. Tom is concerned about our ability to fund the added cost of maintenance along with two loan payments. Randy asked if we could hold some of the loan money in reserve for maintenance, and Steve asked if they would hold us to a schedule on spending it. These are all things we will have to consider in making a decision. We will wait to vote until May.

The Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday of next week. They will be hearing the concept plan for Gibbs Smith's subdivision and have public hearings for two preliminary subdivision applications submitted by Rachel Thatcher. We need a new Planning Commission member.

The Fire Department will have farm machinery extrication training on April 21 and have decided to open the training to anyone who is interested. There will be four hours of classroom instruction and four hours of on-site training. Anyone interested should contact Katie Austin for more information.

In a discussion on roads, Randy reported that Boulder Farmstead will tear up the BKRE roads when doing their new water system. Jackson Excavating submitted a proposal to clean up the rocks along the roadsides and to install some culverts before the work begins so there will be a standard to which the Water Company must return the roads. Removal of the rocks would also make it possible for the county to have room to put snow when they plow the roads. The work should be done before the water work begins. If we decide to have it done, we would need to get started as soon as possible. Randy would like to meet with Bill, Sue, and maybe Steve and Tom, and Terry Jackson to walk through the subdivision to see what is needed and why. Randy will try to set it up for 10:00 tomorrow morning. Steve made a motion that we accept this proposal conditional

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upon a walk-through inspection tomorrow. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Because a preliminary budget has to be presented next month, Judi asked that anyone who has requests for specific expenditures get them to her as soon as possible.

A brief discussion was held on the 4th of July celebration. The Arts Council has arranged for a band and are planning the program. Cheryl suggested that we relook at the budget for the band, as the amount we are spending now limits our choices. We need to budget at least \$600 plus rooms for most bands, and some others are higher. For this year they have a band for \$500 plus rooms. Gladys will do the parade, and the Council will order, prepare and serve the food. Tom made a motion we designate \$200 more to cover the cost of rooms for the band this year. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. We need to get the word out about the celebration early and need to be sure we advertise in the paper and in Escalante. Bill will ask Sue if she will be in charge of the advertising.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk