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Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Cox, Mayor; Conrad Jepsen, Gladys LeFevre, Farlan Behunin, Pete Benson, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Ashley Coombs, Tina Karlsson, Colleen Thompson, Matt Cochran, Constance Lynn, Matt and Pam Furches, Troy Julian.*

Pledge of allegiance

Pete made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5 meeting. Gladys seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Pam reported on the activities of the **Tree City Committee**. They are working on getting a page for the Town's website so people can know what they are doing and when they are meeting. They are building a collection of **resource books** on tree care that is housed in the library and also have placed 30 books in the elementary school library. The **grants** they have been awarded are the original Tree City grant and two Utah State Forestry grants (\$4,000 and \$5,063). They will probably be applying for those each year. Both grants are being matched with volunteer hours. She presented the **Arbor Day Proclamation** for the Mayor to sign. She attended the Tree City luncheon and grant writing workshop. They held two pruning workshops this winter and will continue doing that every year. They are creating an orchard care and share crew who will be available to those who need help with their trees. It will be modeled after Salt Lake City's program, where volunteers help prune and the owners share the harvest (when there is one.) It would be expected that 1/3 would go to the volunteers, 1/3 to the landowner, and 1/3 to the elementary school for snacks, the Senior Citizens Center, and to the Boulder Skills Foundation to use for workshops on preserving food.

Constance stated that the original **five-year management plan** included a community orchard, which they are still pursuing. Last year's grant was used to have Bob Emrich from Grover **graft heritage trees** to healthy rootstock to preserve the old trees. They should be ready to plant by this fall. They're planning to meet with the Park Committee to determine where they should be planted. They are planning to use part of this year's grant to **train an arborist** so there will be someone in town to take care of the trees. They've been talking with the Mayor about the possibility of eventually getting an orchard manager and how to fund it. They want to meet with the Town Council to update the management plan.

Pam reported that they are working on projects that they need for safety and on increasing their **tool supply** for pruning. They have some tools but not enough for all the volunteers

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who come to help on a work day. She has applied for a grant for more tools, as they are not covered by the Community Forestry grant.. They're working with the Park Committee on storage and maintenance of the tools. They're also looking for other resources for grants. Steve stated that we will be finalizing the Town budget next month, and we may be able to find some money to help, as it is a service they're doing for the Town and everyone is invited to participate.

Gladys asked how the **tree pruning workshops** are funded. Daniel Allen who works for the State comes from Cedar City as part of his job, and the orchardist from Capitol Reef has also come. They will have an oral history presentation on **Arbor Day** telling about the history of fruit production in the area. They will start the day with activities at the Community Market. If they can partner with the Town, it will be easier for them to get grants. Gladys suggested that the Division of Wildlife Resources may supply fencing materials if they are having trouble with deer. Pete asked if fruit trees will be put where some others have died. They may be, but they will first see if they can find out why the others died. Pam has the new Tree City flag and stickers. Steve stated that they have a great board and get good turnout at their activities and trainings. Tina suggested that there needs to be coordination between the Tree City and Park Committee groups. Steve read the Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming May 12 as Arbor Day in Boulder. He then presented members of the Tree City committee with certificates of appreciation. *

Peg sent the Council some suggestions on changes that need to be made to the **Town's website**. It needs to be searchable; the arrangement needs to be changed to make it easier to find things; many of the things on the front page need to be moved and replaced with things that are looked for more often, possibly add an interactive page for questions and comments, add a pavilion/CC rooms reservation calendar, and possibly an online payment opportunity. Do we want this to be a one-time makeover or do we want to include maintenance in the contract, including installing software update/security check and support calls as needed. She suggested posting Request for Proposal or Request for Bid invitations. The man who prepared our current website is no longer doing that kind of work. Gladys talked to someone in Cedar City who does this kind of work. She doesn't know what the redesign would cost, but he charges \$50/month to maintain it. We've put \$10,000 in the preliminary budget hoping that would be enough.

Steve checked the websites of several communities in the area. The name iGov kept coming up as a company that designed quite a few of them. He went to their website and found that their specialty is town, city and other government websites. Their base price is \$2,000, and they maintain it for \$99/month. We could probably work with them if we want it done more or less often. Of the websites he looked at, the easiest to use were those designed by iGov. He suggested we have Peg visit with them and get more details.

There are two **vacancies on the Planning Commission**. Carla has moved and Donna has

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resigned. Six people have expressed an interest in filling those positions. Matt Cochran is the only one of those here tonight. He stated that he was a land surveyor for ten years in Montana, during which time he saw the results of a lot of land management, much of which he didn't like and some of which he did. He's seen land use issues, problems, and legalities. He now has the time and interest and has participated in the recent committee work. Pete stated that in the past he's seen some people who came to meetings because they had an axe to grind. PC members have to be able to listen to citizens and petitioners with open, informed minds. It is a hard job. PC members have two different roles: 1) Legislative, in that they have to draw up proposals and advise the Council and 2) Administrative, where they have to be aware of the ordinances and make decisions based on the law. They will be working a lot on issues that resulted from the work groups, so will need to use a computer, read, do their homework, get training, and come to meetings.

Gladys asked Matt why he is here, to which he responded that he is here because of the beauty of the area, the community and interaction with the people. His interests are guiding, homesteading, and growing his own food. Steve read Josey's letter. Alyssa has served and been active on the PC before and knows the ordinances. Gladys stated that Kelly participated in the working committees, is a land owner, and has been a long-time resident. Daniel has worked with other planning groups because of his business. Wulf Barsch served on the Town Council at the time we began having land use ordinances. Steve asked if they would all fit the requirements that Pete suggested, such as use of computer and attending all the meetings. It is a five-year commitment. Gladys wasn't sure about all of them but didn't think that should be a reason not to consider them if we want a well rounded Commission. Gladys made a motion the Council go to executive session to discuss personnel. Pete seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pete Benson, yes; Farlan Behunin, yes; Gladys LeFevre, yes; Conrad Jepsen, yes; Steve Cox, yes. The Council went to executive session at 7:45 p.m.

At 8:00 the Council returned and Gladys made a motion that the meeting reopen. Pete seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Pete - yes; Farlan - yes; Gladys - yes; Conrad - yes; Steve - yes.

Two positions on the Planning Commission are open. Carla's position had just begun and will end in January of 2023. Donna's is until the end of this December, at which time it can be renewed for a five-year term if both parties are agreeable. Steve appointed Matt Cochran to fill Carla's position and Josey Muse to fill Donna's. Pete made a motion to approve the mayor's appointments, Gladys seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The **preliminary budget** was reviewed. The Council will review it before the June meeting and changes will be made at that time.

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Farlan reported that the materials stored at the **landfill** are taking over the space and need to be hauled off. Because the County was working on the John's Valley landfill, they didn't haul any of it last year and haven't yet this year. He will call Brian Bremner and ask him to have his workers come and take care of it. He had Sam Stout do some work on the pits. He thought we had agreed there would not be any more trailer houses allowed at the landfill, but there is another one there. He will let Donna Jean know that no more can be accepted. We need new pits dug, but are running out of space. Steve will bring it up at the meeting with the County Commission. He still doesn't have a date for filling the potholes on the Lower Boulder **Road**. Steve has a bid for the street signs. They will be \$40 each plus \$40 per post. We won't put up signs showing that people are on Highway 12. UDOT will fix the sign by the Drains'.

Gladys is working on getting a local, "Boulder-Escalante" mail slot at the Post Office. She asked Tammy Barton why there isn't money to pay the **EMT's** and was told that the County only collects on about half of EMS bills. She said they are paid a certain amount to go on a call and so much per hour (\$10-15). Gladys asked Troy to let us know if they don't feel they are being paid a fair amount and she will push to get them more. She also talked to the County about the radio problems. If nothing improves within the next couple of months, she wants Troy to also let us know about that, as it doesn't do any good to have EMT's if they don't receive the pages. Troy said that if more pay would bring more EMT's, we should push for it, but the current group signed on as volunteers and didn't expect to be paid, so whatever they get is fine with him. He understands that they have a budget and feels she's doing the best she can.

Troy communicated with the company in Salt Lake that provides the **radios**. He was a nice man and sent samples of other kinds, but none of them worked. The real problem is that we don't have a reliable UHF signal. We could replace the antennas or get different pagers that could be UHF or VHF. Pete stated that the Fire Department pagers have similar problems. Troy feels we need the radio technology which everyone else has. Pete said the technology is complicated and an expert would have to figure out what to do. Troy said there is a new radio technology that nearly everyone has switched over to, and we should do the same. Another option is a new cellular app for a phone that he may be able to use through his wireless internet. Things are in the works to solve the problem. He also said updated systems for reporting are needed. He has created his own sheet for ordering supplies. He stated that the County people are good people. There has been a rift in the past that he'd like to mend. He communicates well with Tammy Barton. Conrad suggested satellite pagers/communications. Pete suggested we need to help them stay certified and train new people and keep them motivated. The WFR course can be used as part of recertification. Troy suggested that the more people in town who are certified in any kind of EMS training, the better off we'll be.

Steve asked Gladys to have the Cemetery Committee members come to the June Council

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meeting. The Park Committee needs to meet. Steve, Conrad, and Curtis met with Perry Tancredi (representing BOSS) about bringing them into compliance. How do they fit with our ordinances? What CUP fits their situation? The sanitary needs have to be met. That group will keep working together to resolve the issues.

There was no Fire Department report. The Planning Commission presentations of the work done by the work groups will be held next week. There was a good turnout at their presentations last week. Steve will go to the County Commission meeting in Panguitch on May 14 at 1:30. Anyone on the Council is invited to attend. They want to know our needs and wants. Tina asked him to ask the Commission again to post the recordings of their meetings on their website.

The April **Checks Issued** were reviewed. Gladys made a motion that they be approved. Pete seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Farlan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Conrad seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk