

May 6, 2010

Meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Dennis Bertucci, Sue Inman, Randy Ripplinger, Council Members; Mark McIff, Attorney; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public present: John Spendlove (Jones and DeMille), Peg Smith, Steve and Cheryl Cox, Tom Jerome, Don Montoya, Cookie Schaus, Susan Heaton, Constance Lynn, Scott Brodie, Ashley Coombs.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion the minutes of the April 7 meeting be approved as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, except that Randy abstained because he wasn't present at that meeting.

John Spendlove was introduced and thanked for his efforts on our behalf in applying for grants for the proposed community center project. We have a preliminary commitment for funding from the Community Impact Board (with a final decision to be made June 10) and from Rural Development (with a final decision pending completion of an environmental review.) As soon as we receive funding, we can move forward with the project. (Alyssa Thompson came.) We hired Jones and DeMille to help us obtain funding for the project, and they would like us to hire them as engineer for the project, and they would choose the architect and other consultants as needed. They have worked with the MESA group in St. George on other community building projects.

The process would be: they would give us the engineering proposal, we would sign it, and they would prepare drawings, specs, and bid documents for the construction and help with the selection of a contractor and would assist during the construction to ensure it is constructed as designed. The architect does the layout, drawings, and details. They have consultants that help with things such as electrical, mechanical, and structural engineering. At the beginning of the project, they will meet with the town to see what we want, then move forward. Bill stated that we will involve the community to gather input at the beginning of the project, but not until the funding is secured. The Council will receive input but will make the decisions on what will be included. Mark assured the Council that the engineering firm and architect do not have to be chosen through the bid process. He is willing to review all contracts to be sure the Town's interests are met. Jones and DeMille is interested in being involved in the project.

Scott gave an update on the school situation. A group from the community attended the

School Board meeting in Antimony. A story in the newspaper and letters from many townspeople and organizations reinforced the importance of keeping the school. It will be open this coming school year, but the principal has been asked to transfer. The lunch program and aides will be kept. Cuts have already been made. Colene Gardner was offered the head teacher position. Janice Hatch will take the personnel matter back to the School Board for reconsideration. If the economy doesn't improve, the high school may close, so parents are looking at various long-range options. Gladys reported that the School Board is not hiring new people from outside the District unless there are no qualified teachers within the District to choose from. There are a lot of variables to consider. We have a year during which interested people can get together to work through possible solutions.

Constance reported on the efforts to continue a recycling program. There is a volunteer effort underway where citizens will pay a driver to haul recyclables to Cedar City. So far, 22 individuals have signed up at \$10/month, and five businesses have signed up at \$50/month. Two collections will be made each month. They requested permission to use the space they used last year by the firehouse. They also need, and are looking for, a trailer. Alyssa will be the driver. Their first pickup will be Wednesday, May 17. They also need bins. Red Rock Recycling will sell them seven of their bins at half price (\$20/each) for a total of \$150. They need ten bins plus a way to stack the cardboard. It was suggested that BCA may be able to help with funding. Peg clarified that BCA will be happy to help them look for grants, but that they aren't a source of funding themselves. Constance asked if the town would be willing to participate as a business (at \$50/month) to cover the costs for people (such as tourists) who use the facility without a contract. They are planning to operate the service through November, and possibly through the winter, as weather permits. They will do it six months for sure. After some discussion, Dennis made a motion we give the Friends of Recycling \$140 for the bins plus \$50/month for May and June. Randy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Planning Commission has been in touch with a group that offers planning training, including help with surveys. They were going to have a training session in the area but had to cancel it. They are willing to come here for \$500 if we can get a group of eight people to participate. Each additional person would be \$100 more. We have money in the Planning Commission budget to do it, and help with the survey is needed, so Peg will make arrangements to have them come.

Tom reported that the Park Committee contacted John Knudson with Utah Parks and Recreation and submitted a preliminary application for a trails grant. A final application won't be submitted until next year, but this one was needed to put us on the radar. The proposed trail will begin at the Anasazi State Park trailer entrance and will go south through this property, then through the tract property, through the town's lot at the south

end of the tract, then through Lodge property, and end at the Burr Trail corner. David Mock will give an easement through the Lodge property after the grant is completed. We can get matching funds which will cover most of the cost of the surfacing of the trail. At this time, we need a resolution stating that the piece of town property will be held for park purposes in perpetuity. As the process progresses, we will need to create an easement through all the properties, but for now we need the resolution to assure that the property as a whole will never be used for anything but for park purposes. Tom is digging holes for the new trees in front of this building and asked for help Saturday to get them planted. Steve offered to come.

Assignments were made for the 4th of July celebration (to be held on Saturday, July 3). Gladys will do signs. She, with Dennis' help, will do the parade. (Judi will get the permit.) Randy (with Judi's help) will do the food, with everyone helping with serving and preparation. Sue will be responsible for the program, and Dennis will arrange for a band. Bill will do set up of chairs, etc. The parade will be at 4:30, program at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, and the dance at 9:00.

Dave Mock asked Dennis if the Lodge can do fireworks this year, and he'd like the Town to sponsor it, which would include us taking the liability. Dennis will talk to him further, and Judi will ask the insurance company about our lighting fireworks on private property.

We will tentatively schedule a walkabout on the morning of June 24 to study the identified road hazards and will postpone a discussion of Class C roads until June.

The Friends of the Library are custodians. When they took the contract, it included grounds work; however, there were no grounds to speak of at the time, with only very limited watering needed. Watering now is automatic and on timers, but there still needs to be mowing and trimming. We could reduce the amount of their contract a little and get another contractor to do the outside work. Or we could see if Doran, as an employee, would do the work, in which case we would need equipment for him to use. Randy volunteered to mow the lawns using his own equipment if we would pay for his gas. We will make a final decision and work out costs at our budget meeting in June.

The proposed budget was distributed and explained. Everyone is to review it and come prepared to make recommendations in June.

Department reports: Farlan graveled the cemetery road. Randy asked Peg if the Planning Commission minutes are on line. They will be by tomorrow. The Fire Department burned the brush pit at the landfill last weekend. The transfer items at the landfill need to be moved to John's Valley, but the County is behind right now and won't be able to get it done for a while. On an experimental basis, we will try beginning our meetings at

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7:00 the rest of the year. The primary election in June and the general election to be held in November this year will be conducted by mail.

Randy made a motion we go to executive session. Dennis seconded the motion. The voting was as follows:

Bill, aye; Randy, aye; Dennis, aye; Gladys, aye; Sue, aye.

Open meeting was suspended while the Council went to executive session at 10:05 p.m.

At 10:40, the mayor reopened the open meeting, with supporting votes as follows:

Gladys, yes; Sue, yes; Dennis, yes; Randy, yes; Bill, yes.

Randy made a motion the meeting adjourn. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk