June 7, 2012

Meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Steve Cox, Sue Inman, Tom Jerome, Gladys LeFevre, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk; Mark McIff, Attorney.
Public Present: Mark Nelson, Ashley Coombs, Mary Jane Coombs, Alyssa Thompson, Peg Smith and Sergio Femenias, Farlan and Mary Behunin, Cheryl Cox, Bill Geil.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3 as presented. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

We will schedule public hearings on June 21 at 7:00 to receive comment on opening the 2011-12 budget and on the proposed 2012-13 budget.

There are new guidelines on use of the beer tax monies that we receive. We are required to submit by June 22 a proposal for our use of the money we will receive this year. If we don’t have an acceptable plan, the money will automatically go to the County. Gladys wondered if we can see what programs the County has and request that they use the money generated by Boulder to benefit our community. It was decided that we will let the money go to the County this year and will look for a local use of our accumulated and future funds.

Tom led a discussion on the position of groundskeeper. The money he is paid will come back to the town. He would like us to approve 15 hours at $15/hour, or $225/month. Gladys made a motion that we contract with Tom to do the outside work for $15/hour for 15 hours/month. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Gladys reported that we had a water overage again this month. Tom is aware of it. The lawn suffered from the construction, so he has been watering a lot to bring it back, but he will start monitoring it and cutting back on the water.

A discussion was held on payment to the custodian. Gladys is keeping track of the hours worked this month, and we will then figure out the contract amount. They are still having trouble getting the cement floor clean. Judi will get them a copy of the care manual. The custodian will check the register covers in the three rooms monthly and replace them when they are dirty, and the groundskeeper will hose off the outside units on the north side of the building (without a nozzle) when the cotton or other debris gets on them.

A letter sent to the Mayor by the Planning Commission after their approval of Boulder
Creek Canyon Ranch’s sign application was read and discussed. They expressed their frustration at being placed in a position to make a decision when the process hadn’t been correctly followed. Now they are facing a similar situation with Boulder Mesa Restaurant applying for a sign that has already been erected. Steve said the sign application should have gone to the PC before being erected. Tom agrees with the letter and is frustrated at the procedure not being followed and having to address matters after the fact. Sue was at the meeting and thought it was clear that the sign had to be approved before being replaced. Gladys doesn’t think there is a problem with the actual approval but feels everyone should follow the process. Bill leans to the side of compassion. We did change the ordinance for a two-year trial period. If Randy’s application were submitted now, it would be on the July agenda, and it should be approved if it fits the size requirements. He would prefer to let him leave the signs. By the time they are taken down, the hearing for approval held, and they are put back up, Randy would miss half the tourist season. His preference is to leave them up as the process goes forward.

Mary Jane feels it is the same issue as the Austin sign and that we should resolve it the same way by letting it stay. Cheryl wondered if he could put up the old signs until the permit is issued. Tom said he would still have to get approval for the signs. This is typical in Boulder--people don’t read the ordinances, and we don’t give proper direction. Randy said this was not an intentional violation, just a business decision. He asked once to be put on the agenda. Peg replied that she didn’t receive an application. He thought the sign ordinance change was the approval. He felt that the Planning Commission didn’t have the authority to send him the letter telling him to take the sign down. Peg responded that the Sign Conditional Use Permit is issued by the PC, which is why they wrote the letter. Farlan said Loch hadn’t seen the letter, but Peg did give him one.

Tom asked if we have a vote on it. Mark answered that this is not a vote on the CUP. Tom: so what do we do about it since we are the enforcement authority. Mary doesn’t think it’s fair to enforce against Randy since other people are not following the ordinances and we aren’t enforcing against them. Alyssa thinks it is all a big misunderstanding. Several members of the PC talked independently and decided not to make a big deal out of it. Mary thought the ordinance change was approval of the sign. The PC just wants procedure to be followed. The letter was sent with the intent that it be just between them and Randy and didn’t want to see it escalated. Tom suggested that we compromise, and if Randy can get his application to the PC by Wednesday, he can leave the signs up until the hearing, but if they don’t have it by then, he will have to take them down. Randy asked about Blake’s signs. He doesn’t disagree with the process, he just doesn’t want to be singled out. Bill asked Tom to check Blake’s signs and deal with them. Randy brought up others—the one in Vivian’s pasture, those at the Trading Post that are in the State right-of-way. Tom answered that that’s the State’s responsibility. Bill’s understanding is that UDOT and Highway 12 people will be checking signs along the highway, but until they do, we’ll leave things as they are. Tom will check on some of
the signs that appear not to be in compliance and on other issues that were brought up.

Tom made a motion that the Town Council instruct Randy Catmull that he either have an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the directional signs on the corner of the Burr Trail Road and Highway 12 in the hands of the Planning Commission by the 9th or the signs have to come down. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A key policy for the Fire Department was discussed. The firemen and emt’s want a policy and wondered if they could use much the same one as the Town’s, but they need to decide who will get keys. They need a draft policy to give to the emt’s and fire department people to discuss. Randy Ripplinger and Corry want to be able to decide who gets keys. One question is what happens when a key is lost. The security of the building is a public safety issue. All emt’s should have a key, and the fire department should decide who gets one to the firehouse. Judi pointed out that the town guaranteed that the postal contractor will have access to the restroom in the firehouse. Steve will go to the fire department with these concerns. We need to draft our own key policy along with penalties, since we’ve just been working on a three-month trial program. The possibility of getting combination locks was suggested, since they would be cheaper to re-key if needed. However, since the locks on the doors in the Community Center are all different, only the lock of one door would have to be re-keyed if the key was lost.

The tract park was discussed. It is getting to be too late in the year to prepare the ground and plant, but what the committee would like to do is to level the top portion. There’s a hump in the middle and a low spot down on the end. They’re thinking they could take the low spot, excavate it over into the corner, and use it for the amphitheater. Bill will have to plow first, and Sam will have to grade it, then it will have to be revegetated. The original plan was to plow the whole thing, but they don’t think that will be necessary. The grass is pretty good—it just needs to be mowed. They may not have to re-vegetate it. Bill walked over it with Sam. They could plow the high ground, then disc it, and Sam will move it. Then Bill will brush hog the middle part. Then Steve said the Park Committee can make some decisions about what they can do with what money they have left. If the volunteers are looking for something to do, we have the immediate need for the footbridge. When Bill gets it cut, they could line the path with rocks.

As far as the Town grounds go, Tom will keep watering with the hose this season and hope to get the sprinkler system in by next year.

Sue attended a UDOT meeting to get some questions answered and did some research regarding signs. The signs she looked at are $70 each, which includes the sign, the post, the hardware, and shipping, but not the installation. We need 28 signs, so we need to decide what we want to do. Bill wondered how long we have before we have to do something. The signs she’s referring to are street name signs, stop signs, and dead end
signs. The decisions to be made are whether to buy extruded (thicker aluminum around the edges) or flat plate, which is used in most communities, and things such as colors. We don’t know of a deadline we have to meet to have these signs in place.

The trailer which was taken to the landfill several years ago for use as fire department training is falling apart and the wind is blowing pieces away. Donna Jean would like it disassembled and stacked as metal. Brock LeBaron and Chris Robinson have two trailers they want to get rid of, but Donna doesn’t want them at the landfill unless they are broken down. Otherwise, they will take up too much of the space we have at the landfill. Farlan’s willing to bury them and won’t continue to do the dump work if he can’t. He would only bury the siding and the roof, and the frame and axles would go into the metal pile. Gladys thinks we need to set a policy saying that either we take all trailers or none. Farlan is willing to dig the pit at the owners’ expense to bury just those parts of the trailers. Sue will work things out.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk