

July 2, 2015

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Steve Cox, Pete Benson, Cindy Wilson,\*  
Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Alberto Vasquez, Ashley Coombs, Bill Geil, Peg Smith.\*\*

Pledge of allegiance

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, June 18, and June 24 meetings. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, but with Cindy not present.

Alberto Vasquez presented a report on **Garfield Memorial Hospital**, which is owned by the County but is managed by IHC. He distributed a written report, which states that this hospital is above state and national averages in long-term care. (\*Cindy came.) They are adding living space for more residents. The current hospital was opened on August 7, 1975, and will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have four physicians who also work with the Escalante Clinic. They are starting to use telemedicine, which allows them to do a lot without driving. They plan to turn the long-term care facility into a licensed nursing home. Their main goal is to keep people out of the hospital.

The bid process for the **porch at the firehouse** was discussed. We will post a Request for Proposals on the bulletin board and on pegboard. We want a covered porch covering a 5' x 8' area, with the 8' along the wall and extending west for 5'. We will solicit proposals consisting of a design and a bid for the work to be submitted by our next meeting. Pete made a motion that we solicit proposals as discussed for an 8' x 5' covered porch on the west side of the firehouse. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Gladys made a motion that we adopt **Resolution 2015-1**, Adoption of the 2015-16 Budget. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Muse gave a brief update on the **BFWC pipeline project**. There has been concern about how to proceed on the east-west section. Bill spoke with Wulf Monday and invited him to come to this meeting. (\*\*Peg came.) He doesn't mind the trees coming out, but Mike Ryan is opposed to them being taken out. We had also invited Mark McIff to come tonight in hopes of finding an agreeable solution, but the discussion will be postponed. Bill asked the Council how they feel about the situation. Mark had suggested that maybe Mr. Barsch could give us an easement. If we are given or take the

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land under the road, it will create an illegal lot on the north side of the road. Pete feels that there should be some way we can make that a legal lot if we're the ones who cause it to be created. On the other hand, if he gives us an easement, the large lot won't be broken up and an illegal lot won't be created, so that seems the logical way to go. There is a public right-of-way. If the trees were taken out, the roots would probably tear up the road. Bill is willing to replace the trees. Steve thinks we need the attorney to come up with the most reasonable solution. We should have Wulf and Mark work together. If nothing else is done, BFWC will go ahead and go down the middle of the road. Pete thinks that, if an easement can be worked out before they reach that section, that would be best.

Bill Geil gave a report on the **Scenic Byway 12 Committee**. Their next meeting will be here on Tuesday, August 18. They have some concerns about the widening at Calf Creek which will begin on July 5 or 6 and will cause delays. They are replacing the Jersey (cement) barriers with rust-colored guard rails. Legislation was passed allowing TODS signs. When the mountain road was paved from the cattleguard by Garkane over the mountain to near Torrey, it was a USFS right of way and was never designated a state road but is a secondary road. Scenic Byway laws regarding billboards only apply to primary roads. It was suggested at a meeting with UDOT that, if people care about billboards along Scenic Byway 12, the best way to make it uniform would be for the County Commissioners to create a County ordinance banning billboards from scenic byways. Late in the session, Mike Noel introduced a bill which is being supported by the outdoor advertising industry making it easier to put billboards along scenic byways. It will probably come up again in the next session. Initially it provided for local jurisdictions to be cut out of the loop, but that part was cut out. The bill will be back, and local jurisdiction may very well be part of the issue again. It is in the interests of the outdoor advertising industry to have billboards along Scenic Byway 12, and our state representative is willing to advance the legislation, so we need to be watchful. The mayor asked how the Byway 12 Committee feels about billboards. Bill G. responded that the committee doesn't have the power to enact anything but is a group of stakeholders from federal agencies to towns along the highway. We should find out what is allowed through the TODS program.

The improvements at the Tract Park are nearly finished, and we need to decide whether to **charge for reserved use of the pavilion**. It was suggested that \$25 is a reasonable charge. Steve checked online and found charges from \$60-\$100. We will charge \$60 for local residents and \$100 for outside reservations. After trying it for a while, we will revisit it and see how it has worked.

The Planning Commission is looking at old CUP's. A lot of applications were not followed to a finish and will probably be considered null and void. BOSS had applied for two: Josh applied for one, then the market fell and he didn't follow through with it. They

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applied for another one, but what has been done on the ground is probably different from either of them. Peg said both BOSS and Boulder Farmstead Water have incomplete CUP's. She talked to Steve Dessinger to tell him that the Planning Commission is sending letters telling them (and Boulder Farmstead) that they don't have complete paperwork and that it needs to be finished. There will probably be site visits to see what is actually happening. There is no intent to shut either of them down, the PC just needs complete paperwork.

The Fire Department needs to burn the landfill.

Steve is concerned that the contractor has gone over the days allowed in the contract to finish the restrooms/pavilion and asked if we will honor the contract and penalize him. As some of the delay was caused by Garkane, Bill feels we shouldn't charge a penalty. Steve feels it is a legal matter. Bill Geil asked if there are liquidated damages. We will find out when the 64 days allotted for completion ended. The trail will be worked on. We traded fill to the pipeline contractor in exchange for his work on the trail. Sully has been trained on the maintenance at the park and has started work there.

The willows and grass are growing up and obstructing the view on the corner by Sam's. Cindy will have Eric Scott cut them.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk