

August 7, 2014

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Cindy Wilson, Tom Jerome, Steve Cox, Gladys LeFevre, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Judith Geil, Jeanne Zeigler, Peg Smith, Carla Saccomano, Blake Spalding, Jennifer Castle.

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3 meeting. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Blake said they are in their twelfth season at Hell's Backbone Grill. Their current liquor license is a Limited Restaurant License, but the State (DABC) approached them about upgrading to a Full Service Restaurant License which would allow them to offer after-dinner drinks and other drinks. They would not become a bar. No retrofitting of their facility would be needed, and their staff are okay with it. It seems like a good thing for their business. We will ask Mark if there is any reason the Town shouldn't approve it. If there is none, we will have him prepare an ordinance allowing that license in town.

Peg began an update on Boulder Community Alliance activities by stating that Enterprise Zones are available for low-income areas. All of Garfield County has that status, but a community has to apply for it for itself if it wants it. BCA has applied for EZ status for itself and has been approved. If the town is interested, it can apply for the status for the whole town. The advantage is that businesses can get tax credits and low income loans that they can't get unless the EZ is created. Cindy made a motion we apply to make the town an Enterprise Zone and allow Bill to sign it. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. No one could see a down side to the program. Once it is approved, we can have the business alliance (Sue Fearon/Lisa Varga) get the information out to the businesses.

Peg announced that the Leave it to Beavers Festival will be held on September 13, sponsored by BCA. It will again be held at Anasazi State Park, with the featured speaker (Lew Pence) talking at the Community Center. The festival will be family friendly and will teach about animals and water. Judith spoke about an activity of the festival that she will be conducting. She would like to use the grounds north of this building for a water awareness science activity with an emphasis on conservation. She explained the activity and stated that Chris O'Dell will help. (Ace Kvale joined the meeting.) The Council gave permission for her to use the space.

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Ace discussed his concerns about the playground. He is concerned about the rocks that are close to the merry-go-round. The rocks along the trail are a problem. Bill stated that Escalante has a new playground. He called the Salt Lake Superintendent of Parks and Playgrounds to see if there is a standard for playground equipment. He wasn't familiar with this piece of equipment and stated that they keep track of accidents, but don't, of course, have statistics on this. Escalante suggested that we check with our insurance provider. The merry-go-round is a favorite with the children, but we know there are concerns. Bill wants it removed unless we know it's legal and that insurance approves it. Tom is not in favor of removing it and thinks we should move the rocks. We can make rules specifying the ages of children who can use it, but they would likely not be followed. We do need to put stairs to the slide. Tom will have Sam move the rocks. Cindy thinks we should take the merry-go-round out and is concerned about our liability. Steve thinks we should start with the insurance company. If it is covered, we should leave it. Bill agrees. Tom thinks we should go with the insurance company's recommendation. Gladys has issues with safety but thinks that, if we remove it, we should replace it with something. We should find out the dollar amount we are covered for if it is covered.

Judith thinks it is an accident waiting to happen. If replaced, we should move it away from the other equipment. She thinks it is an attractive nuisance. Ace would be sad to see it go, but thinks that is better than seeing someone hurt. If there is a delay in a decision, we should move the boulders. Bill will call Phil Nelson to see if he will do the steps to the slide.

Cindy reported that Jonathan LeFevre dug a new pit at the landfill and pushed the brush in. Eric Scott will move the 1700 South sign to where it belongs. We need to order a Jepsen Way sign.

Cindy is concerned about the inadequate lighting in the Fire Department/EMT parking lot. We need to replace it with a light that will illuminate the door and the parking lot. Bill and Tom have both talked with Garkane about replacing the light at the basketball court with a new LED light that they offer. With a hood, the new LED light installed would cost about \$360. They also quoted Tom a price to come over and go around town doing more than one light. We can continue the discussion after we see what the PC recommends on the dark sky ordinance. Bill reminded us that we also need a light at the end of the sidewalk of this building and one in front of the Post Office. When we find a light that has a motion sensor, we can hire an electrician to come and install it on the west door of the firehouse (EMT bay). Cindy will call Lenza Wilson and have him install that light. Tom reported that he has done this research because someone in town is willing to donate money for lighting changes. We may be able to find money to change out lights for private property owners who want to change theirs out but don't have the money to do it. Cindy made a motion that we replace the light at the basketball court with a night sky

friendly light and that the town pay for it. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Gladys asked Tom whether it would be cheaper if several were done at the same time. If they come to do several, we'd have to pay to have the truck and a crew come over, whereas if they're just doing ours, they may be able to just do it while they're here for some other job. When it's time to do it, he will ask them if they will just charge us the labor and the cost of the light. Tom will follow up on it.

Tom reported that, as Enforcement Officer, he sent Cathy Bagley a nice letter asking her to remove a "For Sale" real estate sign which is 59 sq. ft. He told her that, if it is not down by the end of the month, he will take it down. He reported that the PC has a brief instructional session at the beginning of each meeting. They will be holding public hearings at their next meeting on Bill Muse's preliminary subdivision application and on Mike Nelson's request for a change in the dark skies section of the Zoning Ordinance. The League of Cities and Towns is working on improving their training site.

Steve reported that all fire departments in the county will benefit from a FEMA grant which will provide new self-contained breathing apparatus with masks and tanks. Our department will get 12 suits and 24 tanks. It will extend their oxygen capacity from 15 minutes to 45 minutes. Each fire fighter will be fitted. They will also receive a compressor so they can refill their own tanks.

The School District has met to discuss the five shares of C water that we are using at the Tract Park. They would like to handle it as follows: they will receive a yearly assessment and bill us for that amount and will lease the water to us for the cost of the assessment. Donna Jean will need a letter from them so the Irrigation Company will know where to deliver the water.

The \$25,000 tree budget grant was matched by BCA's Russian Olive removal project. All grants that come from the state have to be matched, some with cash and some with in-kind donations. Thanks to BCA for that match. The budget includes an allotment of \$1,000 for RO removal over five years. This may be the last year of RO involvement by the BCA, and there are still many of the trees on Town property and rights of way. His suggestion, and he won't vote, is that the Town donate \$200 this year from the grant to BCA to hire him (Steve) to do the work on Town properties. The remaining \$800 could be used over the next four years to pay a maintenance person to retreat the cut trees. This money can't be used on private ground. Tom made a motion that we take \$200 from the tree grant to donate to the BCA specifically for the purpose of removing Russian Olives on Boulder Town property. Gladys and Cindy simultaneously seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, with Steve abstaining from voting. Tom has Park Friends money and is willing to donate \$100 to BCA to help with removal of the RO outside the west fence of the Town grounds.

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UDOT hasn't called Bill or Steve about the extension of the Tract Park path which we would like to take onto their right-of-way and extend to the corner. Nor have they called about coming to look at our sign situation and to talk about what we may be able to do. Bill will call and see if they can come so we can move forward on these issues.

We are planning to do the restrooms and pavilion at the Tract Park at the same time using the same engineer. Jones & DeMille sent today the cost of doing the additional engineering for the pavilion. The extra cost will come out of our Tract Park budget. Bill wondered if we need this. Not being an engineer, Steve doesn't know, and we don't have an engineer in town who can tell us. He feels these things need to be done; he just doesn't know if the cost is reasonable. The \$1,100 is a flat rate for the work they're doing on the bidding, etc., but the \$2,200 is an hourly rate, and if they can do inspections of both projects at the same time, it will save money. Steve feels that, if we're going to get it done, we have to move ahead. But he doesn't know engineering costs, and where it's a public facility, there have to be engineering stamps. After some discussion, Gladys made a motion to approve Jones & DeMille's estimate for engineering fees. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Peg wondered if the Town wants to keep its section of road to clean. Keith Gailey has taken that responsibility on, and we should see if he wants to continue doing it. Judi will contact him.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk