

September 2, 2010

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Randy Ripplinger, Dennis Bertucci, Sue Inman, Gladys LeFevre, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk; Mark McIff, Attorney.
Public Present: Doug Hall, Pete Schaus, Ashley Coombs, Brian Dick.

Pledge of allegiance

The Mayor called a recess in this meeting in order to hold a meeting of the Local Building Authority. This meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

Sue made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held August 5. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The agenda was corrected to read that the next item is a discussion on 100 West (rather than East) Street north of E Street (500 North) and was moved to later in the meeting in order to wait for the Bremses to arrive.

The Planning Commission is working on the survey and on two subdivisions. (Steve and Cheryl Cox came.)

On behalf of the Fire Department, Dennis reported that there are two people who would like to be EMT's. A company has donated two defibrillators. One is kept on the ambulance (although the Town owns it), and the other is in a closet in the Town Hall. Linda Crawford will give a seminar on how to use them when she can arrange time to do so. Dennis will provide Judi with the information needed to send a thank you letter to those who donated the equipment. (Mary Jane Coombs came.) The County is talking about withdrawing our ambulance because of our few number of EMT's. Randy has been recruiting interested people and has seven who are interested. He has made them aware that, if the town helps with the costs, there is a two-year commitment. Randy and Linda are the only intermediate EMT's; Jacque and Donna are basic EMT's. New state law requires that there be an intermediate person on each run. He thanked the Fire Department for their support and noted that the program wouldn't work in Boulder without them.

Gladys asked why we don't consider leasing the water shares we bought from Karl Roundy until we can put them to use, or is there a way to use them on these grounds to cut down on our culinary overages. The watering season is nearly over this year, but we should consider during the winter how to best use them next year.

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Sue reported on a large pothole in the road in front of Gibbs' new corrals in Lower Boulder. She talked to Randy Catmull about fixing it, since the Water Company created it. If Boulder Farmstead collected a deposit, they have to fix it. We can have Sam and Randy fix it. We need to send a letter to Boulder Farmstead reminding them that they need a permit before digging and that the individual for whom the water is being connected has to make a deposit with us as part of the permit requirement. Because Doran hasn't had time to clean the roadsides, Bill hired Eric Scott (Bresselsmith) to clean the weeds. Sue can call either Doran or Eric to fix what needs to be done.

Sue has received complaints on Mark Nelson's upper ranch road. She called the County who said they would fix it, but they haven't yet. She'll call them again. We need to cut the willows back further on the corner by Stouts. Donna Jean's road also needs willows cut. The County will not go down the road to clear snow or do any other equipment work because of the willows, so they will have to be removed. We could cut them with a chain saw and then brush hog them. That, however, will not get rid of the problem. We will see if we can hire Sam to remove them. Garkane will help with the Lower Boulder trees in September. The corner between Mark Nelson's and Boulder Exchange is also overgrown with willows to the point that visibility is bad. We will see if Sam will do that, too.

The Boulder Mountain Ranch sign was discussed. Sue checked the lights at night. They work, but the light doesn't shine on the sign. Judi will check the ordinance to see if lights are allowed and will write to them if there is an infraction.

Bill will vote the Town's culinary water share. The Capital Improvements List will be updated in the October meeting. Everyone should be thinking about what projects they would like to place on the list. Judi reported that Rural Development is waiting for word on the grant we have applied for to see if it will be funded in this year's Federal funding cycle, which ends in September, or whether it will be funded in next year's. Jones and DeMille will prepare an engineering agreement for RD and Boulder Town to review while we are waiting for word on the funding. This will expedite things when the funding comes.

Bob and Naomi Brems arrived, so the discussion on 100 West north of E Street was held. A motion was made, seconded and voted upon in the January 25, 2010, meeting "not to vacate First West Street as requested by Doug and Camille Hall because we do not have the consent of all the property owners and vacation would leave a landlocked piece of property." The minutes of that meeting went on to say: "We will survey and mark the street to identify its location, then the Council will meet there with the property owners to work through the problems." Bob stated that we all know where the road is, so why waste money resurveying it. Bill responded that Jack is coming anyway to do some other

survey work, so, if we're going to have it done, we should do it while he's here. Most of the previous stakes are still in place, so it may not be necessary to have it done. Doug feels if his fence has to come down, Bob's has to come down, too.

Doug has cleared off his property and has five construction trailers parked on it. (Tom Jerome came.) He wonders why the Van Quill's can clear off their property and park their trucks and trailers on it, as he has done? Bill asked why the Bremses need the fence they have erected across the road. Doug has offered to clear the Van Quills a parking spot. Bob asked Doug for a list of what he'd like the Van Quills to do and he'll see if he can't get them to comply. Bill suggested that we mark the road with string, then meet onsite with the Council and all neighbors. Until we do this, Doug's fence can stay. Doug stated that the fence isn't much good, as the wire has been cut and some of the posts have been knocked down and run over. There has also been some vandalism done to the tires of some of his equipment. There was feeling that the Van Quills are not good neighbors, with defense for them also expressed. The Council and property owners will meet Wednesday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of 100 West and E Street to continue to work out a solution.

Dennis made a motion the Council adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation. Randy seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Gladys, yes; Sue, yes; Dennis, yes; Randy, yes; Bill, yes. Open session recessed at 7:45 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m., Gladys made a motion that open meeting resume. Randy seconded the motion. The voting was 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 8:32 p.m.