

September 4, 2014

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Tom Jerome, Steve Cox, Cindy Wilson, Council Members;
Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Ashley Coombs, Katie Austin, Blake Spalding, Bob and Naomi Brems,
Ace Kvale, Peg Smith, Ray Gardner.

Absent and excused: Gladys LeFevre, Council Member.

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7 meeting. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ace, who is a fitness and karate instructor, would like to examine the possibility of getting **fitness mats** for the community room to use for yoga, dance or any other kind of fitness. He's been doing research on companies, storage, and liability release forms. These fitness activities are not dangerous nor impactful but are about self-defense and are for children or adults. He asked if the Council would be interested in getting mats. There would need to be a place to store them. The quote he has is \$2,500 for 6 ft. wide, 30 ft. long rollout mats. They would pretty much cover the whole room and are all he'd need to start. Other equipment could be added later. It's all about fitness and having fun. He's not thinking of having a school, just teaching it as an activity.

Tom feels we should check with our insurance provider. Ace responded that there are blanket insurance release forms and stressed that it is less dangerous than basketball. Storage is a problem, and Ace suggested that we could possibly build benches with casters for storage. The mats he's looking at roll up and will be big and fairly heavy. Bill stated that we need to contact our insurance and we need to know money figures and what he expects from the Town. Ace will do his homework, Judi will check with the insurance company, and we'll come back in November with more information. It will not be a money-making activity for Ace, but he may ask for donations.

Bill talked to Monte Alldredge of **UDOT**, and he, Rhett Arnell and Steve Kunzler are planning a visit here to discuss **trails**. Steve stated that we may need to do a wetlands study, which could necessitate finding an alternate route. We also need to discuss **highway signs** with them. Bill will get a date for the walk through and will see if Dave Mock and the Council can come. Tom stated that Lisa Varga reported that Highway 12 is a Scenic Byway and we can't have billboards. The sign lobby is holding up discussion on the TODS program in the legislature.

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The proposed **Ordinance 29D**, allowing the issuance of restaurant liquor licenses, was discussed. Cindy made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Tom seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Cindy then made a motion we approve Hell's Backbone Grill's request for **local consent** for a Full Service Restaurant Liquor License. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tom was asked by the mayor to conduct the discussion on the **Muse Subdivision**. After a public hearing and discussion, the Planning Commission passed a recommendation to the Council to approve the subdivision with the condition that the access road, location of the well, wellhouse, and home on lot #4 be drawn onto the official plat map. (Bill Geil came.) It was asked if there is a pressing need for approval. Bill said it needs to be done by the end of the month. There will not be any public dedications, so a Final Subdivision Application is not necessary. Steve made a motion that we approve the application with the stipulation that the things that need to be put on the plat be done by the end of September. Cindy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Cheryl Cox sent an email, which Cindy read to the Council, to Judi regarding the **Christmas market**. The Arts Council is planning to have a Christmas art exhibit beginning in November and suggested that we have a market day as the opening of the exhibit. She suggested that BAC would be willing to facilitate a meeting of those interested in planning the market and offered to buy an ad for it in the Insider. The Town has sponsored it the last few years because of insurance issues, and it was suggested that we sponsor it again this year with Boulder Arts Council administering it and working out the details. Judi mentioned that she had received information from the Tax Commission stating that vendors need to collect sales tax at these kinds of events. We will vote on this proposal in next month's meeting.

Cindy reported that the Fire Department plans to burn the landfill next week. Most of the road signs that were problematic have been fixed, and Eric will remove the 850 South signs. She hasn't been able to reach Lenza to have him fix the lighting outside the EMT bay but will keep trying. The lighted speed limit sign has not been placed yet. UDOT planned to put a stationary one in, but it is felt that we should get a mobile one. It was suggested that we also ask them for a lower speed limit through town. Ray's concern is that a drop from 60 to 30 is not realistic and that most people drive what they're comfortable driving, so 30 mph will probably be too slow. Bill Geil said that, when coming into Loa from 65, then down to 40 and 30, the flashing light gets people's attention.

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Tom reported that the Planning Commission had a lengthy discussion on night lighting with no decision. They will continue the discussion but plan not to have a vote in their September meeting. The Commissioners now have their APA passwords. Tom has talked with Garkane about the light on the cement court of the Town grounds but has not heard back from them so will send a reminder email.

He reported that the boulders have been removed from the area of the merry-go-round. He feels it is safer than it was, but that we still have a problem with the iron rails and thinks it would be nice if we could install a railing to hold on to. Bill has talked with Phil Nelson about replacing them with stairs and will meet with him next week. We may want to put stairs on both sides. Cindy suggested a rubberized surface to replace the gravel surface. Tom will check with Escalante on the surface they have under their playground.

Steve has furnished clear pavilion drawings which we'll send to John Spendlove. By the time the bid documents are ready, it may be too late to get started on the restroom/pavilion projects this year.

An Arbor Day celebration is being planned and may be held Sept. 20 at the Tract Park. They plan to plant 8-10 new trees. The Tree Board is very active. In response to a question from Tom, Steve reported that all the Russian Olive outside the park fence and on all Town property has been removed, and if anything that looks like it is seen, it is Silver Buffaloberry.

Steve was asked to vote the Town's proxy at the Boulder Farmstead Meeting. We may need another hookup on the Tract Park for the restrooms.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.