

October 3, 2013

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent and Excused: Sue Inman, Council Member.

Public Present: Drew Parkin, Bob and Naomi Brems.

Pledge of allegiance

Gladys made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 5, 2013.
Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Drew Parkin discussed the **Escalante Canyons Marathon**, which will be held October 12. It will be better this year, as many of the bugs of a first-year activity have been worked out, and it is a registered course with the American Track and Field. It will start at the north end of the Howard Church house at 7:30 a.m. and will run 26.2 miles to the entry to Escalante High School. They have 45 runners signed up and are still getting a few more each day. There will be a police escort. (Constance Lynn came.) The road will be closed for five minutes at the start of the race. They will be using only the right lane and the road will be open to traffic both ways. There will be aid stations approximately every 2.5 miles and porta potties along the route. The 10-mile race will begin at 9:00 at the Spencer Flat road and will end at the same place as the marathon. There will be an EMT with each race, but no ambulance in order that there be emergency help in both towns if needed during the hours of the race. A sweep truck will follow the runners to clean up the cones, signs, and other remnants of the races. They will be discussing what the future holds for the marathon during the winter. (Sam Stout and Randy Catmull came.) It helps the economy.

Mr. Parkin then reviewed the status of an upgraded **clinic** that has been in the planning stages for Escalante. He reviewed the history of the proposal, which he has presented to us in the past. Included in the plans are a pharmacy, x-ray facilities, dental and mental health capability, physical therapy, and alternative medicine. The existing facility is too small. They have partnered with Wayne Community Health Center and have applied for a federal grant through which they will be able to use a sliding scale and procure equipment. After they submitted the grant application, the economy went downhill, but as things have improved somewhat, money is being awarded again. Their proposal is active, and they feel they have a 50/50 chance of getting the grant. (Dennis Bertucci and Caroline Gaudy came.) They will go ahead with the project with or without the grant and have commitments for some money. They are working with Jones & DeMille to get a

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CIB grant for the new medical facility. They plan to add to the proposal an assisted living facility. They have a three-phase approach, with the assisted living facility being the last phase. He would be happy to come and give a detailed presentation or have one or two people go to Escalante to learn more. They would like to have a resident doctor in Escalante. The partnership with WCHC depends on their receiving the grant.

Changes proposed by Mark McIff to the draft of **Ordinance 71** were discussed, and other changes were proposed during the discussion. (Cindy Wilson came.) Steve made a motion that we adopt Ordinance 71 with the changes as agreed upon. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

We have received a bid from Jack Pollock to **refurbish the maintenance shed** at the Tract Park. Steve made a motion to accept the bid from Jack Pollock for the refurbishment of the maintenance shed. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The **emergency services parking area** was discussed. We will leave the picnic table by the road where it is, and Sam was asked to arrange for gravel. We will expand it by taking the bushes out and moving the rocks that are in the way. We will try it for a while before continuing discussion on an entrance from Highway 12, which would probably not work, as it would have to be permitted by UDOT and is too close to the corner to meet the standards of our own ordinance. In the future we can consider putting a culvert in the canal and running the parking lot west to the property line. We can put road base over the gravel if it works with the drainage. Sam can fix it. We would need a 40' culvert, band and trough (\$1,825) plus installation (\$1,000), but that is a moot point now. The 40' was for an entrance culvert, so if we wanted to extend it to a 60' culvert, the total cost would probably be \$3,500.

Bill asked Sam if he could give us a cost of getting the parking lot to the standard we'd like. He said we need to see if we can get more **gravel** from the County, because 15 tons of gravel from Wayne County would be \$360/load, and we need five loads. Randy suggested that we have gravel crushed for us at the Forest Service Boulder Creek pit as it is available for government use. If we had some crushed and stockpiled it, it would be much less expensive than having it hauled in. Sam said that a man from Kanab crushed it before, and his minimum charge is \$30,000, which would provide us with a lot of road base. Boulder Farmstead Water Company has received a grant to finish the water system. They could do a bigger project if gravel could be obtained locally. Sam said that, to finish everything, we need approximately 149 cubic yards, or 15 loads of gravel. If we could get the County to haul it, it would substantially cut the cost of the parking lot. If we talk to Clare Ramsay about the EMT need for parking, he would help us. Gladys said we need to either write a letter or go to the Commissioners' meeting. If the County will furnish it, we will just have to pay Sam about \$600 for spreading it. Bill thinks we should

pursue Randy's suggestion for future use. Sam stated there is probably enough gravel at the park right now to gravel the firehouse parking lot, but we would need to replace it to do the park. We need to write a letter to the County asking for more gravel and outlining the purpose of its use, including public safety.

Sam stated that we need 83 cubic yards for the trail; but we are probably through working on the trail this year. We need six-seven loads (66 ½ cubic yards) for the firehouse parking lot and the entrance to the brick building (22 cy). The public safety need is 44.4 cubic yards. We need to remove the sewer rock and stockpile it for the restrooms. We also need fill for Elaine's road. The culvert to fix that road will cost \$790 plus five hours of labor. In grading it, the County has cut Elaine's road down to the point that the culinary water line freezes during the winter. Sam was given instructions to fix Elaine's road problems. Tom would like the January agenda to include an item to get the gravel pit running. We need to contact Terry Delay at the Forest Service.

The **Tree Board** has met. Danon Hulet is coming to help with the inventory of trees on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 11:30. We will then have a good assessment of what's here. They will work with Steve to create a community food forest. The Board includes Constance Lynn, Pam Furches, Brynn Brodie, Alinda Worley, Steve Dessinger, Adalee Muse, Stephanie Love, and Ana Sanders.

Tom reported that Sam will get additional gravel for the landscaping. Rick Larsen donated pots and pans for the kitchen. The Planning Commission is working on the Table of Uses, and they have passed on to us several definitions for public hearing and approval. We will have a public hearing next month for those items. The Red House Farm situation came up regarding Temporary Use Permits. Very little is required to get a TUP, so the Planning Commission will address temporary uses and time periods. A temporary business has more requirements than temporary use events have. Our next agenda may include a discussion on setbacks. We need to define road rights-of-way and dedicated roads.

Steve reported that the identifying sign is now on the firehouse, and Corry patched the leaky roof. The pavilion has been delivered, and the next step in getting it erected is to put together a bid package. It will probably be spring before we can move forward on it. Sam will be getting a plan for a UDOT restroom which we may be able to use. We need to check on the price of a new 40' flagpole. Tom suggested that screws on the firehouse roof need to be tightened or they will work out. Regarding the Tract Park, it would be good to have a service road which would be entered at the south end rather than driving equipment through the whole park. If we could open the road along the east and take it south to where A Street was vacated and follow it out to the highway, where we could exit the park. Entrance onto the highway will require a UDOT permit. We will need fill

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dirt and road base for that project. This is not a project that needs to be done this year. We can use road money to open the part of the road (100 East) that will be used as a public road. The fence along the east side of the Tract Park is the boundary, and the Town road extends 60' east from that.

Bill read Lisa Varga's letter regarding Travel Council funds that are available for projects supporting tourism. Steve wants to have input from the businesses. Sam wondered if UDOT would contribute to a continuation of the park trail as a safety issue. He will meet with Steve Kunzler.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk