

July 3, 2008

Meeting began at 8:08 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Dennis Bertucci, Wendell Roundy, Gladys LeFevre,  
Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Scott Brodie, Caroline Gaudy, Pete Schaus.

Pledge of allegiance

Councilman Randy Ripplinger is excused from the meeting as he is on an EMT call.

Dennis made a motion we accept the minutes of June 10 as presented. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bill Cox has moved and we need a new Fire Marshal who will also be the Fire Authority under our new land use ordinances. Bill appointed Pete Schaus, Fire Chief, as the new Fire Marshal. The Council voted unanimously to support the appointment.

Scott presented information on the signs being prepared for the 124 miles of Highway 12. He posted pictures of the sites and drafts of eight wayside signs proposed for our vicinity. There is funding for half the signs planned for the entire length of the highway. Those for our area will be part of the second round of funding and will be placed in late 2009 or in 2010. The Highway 12 Committee want us to look at the proposed designs and to correct factual information or make any other suggestions we might like to see implemented. If we have time tonight, please look at them and give input. (Tim Clarke and Don Montoya came.) The content needs to be finalized soon even though the signs won't be installed for some time.

Scott is representing the SITLA Committee. Bill stated there are approximately 130 signatures on the petition. The Town will write a proposal by the end of the month. We could contact the Cannonville mayor to discuss sites identified for possible trade. The results of a positive meeting with him could be added to our proposal. We will ask for an extension of time to submit RFP's in order to allow the BLM to finish their RMP. There will be many parcels of land in the county that might be available to trade for the SITLA parcel as a result of the finalized plan. In spite of SITLA's notice to us that they aren't doing any more trades, they have made a joint announcement with the BLM of a trade completed last month. Our contention is that the parcel in Boulder is scenic and has greater value as an aesthetic resource than as a development property. We will invite the other players to join us in our effort. Brock LeBaron has called Scott asking about the petition.

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Scott reported that maps of BLM land designated as suitable for disposal are available. In order for a parcel to be considered for disposal, it first has to be identified in an RMP, so it is fortunate that their timing of this process fits our needs. The BLM is open to getting rid of parcels surrounded by private land. If some towns would like to get rid of those BLM parcels within their boundaries, we could work together for a trade. If we could have letters of support from Mike Noel and our congressmen and senators in our packet, that would be good. Mark, Scott and Bill would like to go to a SITLA Board meeting to present our case. There may be a little difficulty as a result of a possible new mayor in Cannonville. We need to make requests to those we want letters of support from as soon as possible and include a deadline for our receiving their replies. Scott will get some wording to Bill to use in the letter to SITLA regarding the BLM Resource Management Plan.

Gladys would like the Council to think about the cemetery: 1) Can people reserve grave sites? 2) Can the town accept deposits on a grave site?

Wendell said there may be a problem getting the roads chip sealed this year because of the increase in the price of oil. Dennis asked if his road could be graded.

We will have a public hearing on the General Plan at 7:30, August 7 before the regular meeting.

The Fire Department answered a call at Joe Parker's because of burning weeds. He had made a real attempt to be safe, but the fire got away. The batteries on the big truck may be bad, and the small truck leaks, both of which lend urgency to the need for a new truck. Dennis asked that people call someone on the Fire Department before they burn just so they will be alerted to the possibility of the need for help. Dennis and Pete will represent the town at the CIB meeting next week. The town will pay mileage and lodging. The firehouse roof has been replaced. Fire Department personnel helped with a few medical emergencies during the month. Gordon Bosworth is here now and could recertify as an EMT.

The Fourth of July was discussed. There may be a little difficulty with the band, but Bill believes we will have one. The parade is set, and Dennis has the program ready. (Peg Smith came.) The Council will meet in the morning at 9:00 to set up chairs.

Tim reported that trees for the Tract Park as well as other plants were delivered today and will be watered until time to plant them.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk

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Approved by Bill Muse, Mayor