

April 5, 2018

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Cox, Mayor; Conrad Jepsen, Farlan Behunin, Pete Benson, Gladys LeFevre, Councilmembers; Judi Davis, Clerk; Peg Smith, Deputy Clerk.

Public Present: Pete and Cookie Schaus, Cheryl Cox, Connie Reid, Elizabeth Julian, Tina Karlsson, Dianne Oberhansly, Ashley Coombs, Denise Pennington, Falyn Owens, Callie Ward.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the minutes of last month's meeting was postponed until a quorum of Council members was present.

Callie Ward, the County Extension Agent in charge of the **County Fair**, is here to emphasize that all the people in the County need the opportunity to show their talents. She would like to include Boulder people on the Fair Board. This year's fair will be on August 11 with activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Callie is willing to come here and pick up things to display at the fair. She is also willing to come here and teach classes.

Falyn Owens, Executive Director of the **County Tourism Office**, passed out booklets for the Take Your Time (for tourism-oriented employees) and Day Trips programs. Employees who take the Take Your Time course will be eligible to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. They have people in other countries promoting the program. She explained County efforts to help the tourism industry. Boulder has received grants from the County in the amount of \$8,500 for event funding in 2018 and marketing grant funds of \$1,365. Another promotion was a treasure hunt in the county's State Parks. During the 2017 Day Trips promotion, they had 148,000 visitors to their website.

Cookie stated that the advertising is impressive, but she wondered if they had considered the crush of humanity in the area which is hard on our **infrastructure and emergency services**. She asked if the County could help in finding funds to pay the volunteer Fire Department and EMT's. Ms. Owens explained Transient Room Tax, which in our county is now 4.25%. By law, at least 2% of that has to go into the Travel Council budget for marketing and infrastructure. The other 2.25% goes directly to the County budget, by law, and can be used only for [?] services, garbage mitigation, EMS, and Search and Rescue. By law, 47% of what is collected through room tax has to go into the hospital budget. They collected about \$2 million last year. Cookie asked how we go about

getting more of that money. Ms. Owens replied that we are getting sales tax from the money spent in town, and use of it is not restricted. Because infrastructure is so expensive and environmental studies have to be conducted for some projects, the amount of money available is not enough for all the needed projects. There is other money, but it is restricted. There was discussion on the difficulty of getting and retaining EMT's and questions about finding more money for them. Ms. Owens discussed some of the programs they have, such a county-wide training.

Elizabeth (whose husband is an EMT) explained that the EMT's do not receive compensation for mileage and training and wondered if our EMT's could be included in the County programs. Cookie wants to know who we can talk to about getting more of the million dollars. She would like a solid plan to help those who are volunteering and missing work. It is hard to get people to volunteer under these circumstances. We need better communications with the County. For instance, the radios for emergency personnel aren't dependable, and some of our people, who are already few in number, are missing calls, putting extra stress and responsibility on those who do respond. Ms. Owens said she would follow up on these concerns..

Pete made a motion that we accept the minutes of the March 1 meeting. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dianne, as Chair of the **Library Board**, thanked the Town for providing space and utilities. The library has been here for about 25 years and has evolved during that time. They have fund raisers for things like shelves, books, storytelling, and summer reading programs. She thanked Connie (and Fay Jepsen and Neta Poulson posthumously) for their many years of service. They are now creating a section of audio books and music. Their current volunteers are Cookie Schaus, Peg Smith, Denise Pennington, Karen Terry, Dan Pence, Ryan McDermott, Sean Babbington, Judith Geil, Doug Howland, Elizabeth Julian, and Molly Benson.

Steve wants to recognize the volunteers in the community, and there are many. He handed out certificates of appreciation to the library volunteers who were here (Connie, Dianne, Cookie, Elizabeth, Denise, and Pete) and rewarded them with a Payday (candy bar, not cash.)

Charges for building/pavilion rentals were discussed. Gladys suggested that people should be asked to leave a deposit which will be returned if the space is left clean. Cheryl suggested leaving the deposit in the form of a check which would be returned or torn up if the room(s) they used was left clean. Cheryl stated that the fees that are charged are a good deal, considering the use of restrooms and other facilities. After some discussion on rental fees, Gladys made a motion that we set the security deposit at \$50 for locals and \$100 for outside groups and keep the other rates the same. Pete seconded the motion,

and the vote was unanimous. We need to put up a reservation board at the pavilion.

The **speed limit on the Lower Boulder Road** is 30 mph. There has been a request to lower it to 25. The traffic is going too fast. Ashley commented that he would like it lower. Conrad replied that we don't have anyone to enforce it, but he is in favor of 25. Gladys is okay with lowering it to 25. Farlan said the law should be 25 in a residential area. Pete agrees that it is hazardous. We need new 25 mph signs. Farlan will look for places the signs should be and how many we need. Pete made a motion we change the speed limit in Lower Boulder to 25 mph. Conrad seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion on **street signs**. We could consider signs with two labels, such as 100 South Such and such Lane on the same sign. Steve will price the signs and also the 25 mph signs and will order them.

There needs to be a **mail slot** in the Post Office for local (Boulder, Escalante) mail. Gladys will look for someone to do it. Randy Ripplinger was suggested.

After some discussion, Gladys made a motion we purchase a \$200 maintenance contract for the new copier. Farlan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

We have met the requirements for our **R&PP lease** with the Bureau of Land Management. Mark Foley has been here to see what we've done. There is no reason not to request the patent for the land. Steve will write a letter to them, knowing that things are moving slowly now because of the GSENM changes.

There needs to be a new hole dug at the landfill, but the cover is shallow. Farlan is concerned that whole demolished houses are being put into the **construction pits**. He would like to see roll offs required for large construction projects. There are companies in both Panguitch and Richfield who rent them. They should be required of every contractor doing a large project. Only certain kinds of waste can be placed in them, so there will still be some that will come to our landfill. Judi will contact our attorney to see if we can add something to the project approval form to require that a roll off be used at the site of a large construction project.

Farlan will talk to the County about filling the potholes in the Lower Boulder Road.

Gladys reported that there has been some conversation about Boulder having its own Chamber of Commerce. With a desire to honor the people who volunteer their time to the Town, Steve would like to honor the cemetery board in June.

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Pete reported that the Planning Commission will have Curtis Oberhansly come to their next meeting to give training on LUDMA. They will also begin talking about ADU's and RV parks and will have reports from the work groups. The Tree City committee will be holding their Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 28. The maintenance shed at the Tract Park needs to be organized so there is no confusion as to what is Tree City equipment and what is Park equipment. Each entity needs to make up a list of their equipment. If they will come up with a list of what they still need to organize their part of the shed, we can use money that was set aside for roofing the shed but which was not used. The Boulder Arts Council will be holding summer concerts at the pavilion on the first Saturdays of June, August and September. Conrad has ordered additional electrical outlets for the pavilion.

Conrad reported that the Park Committee is looking for a place for a permanent barbeque pit. They are talking about stabilizing the fence with railings. He said the committee had priced doors for the maintenance building, and they can get a roll-up door for about \$1,000. Steve said we need a firm figure before we move ahead on it. Pete will talk to Bob to see if he has the keys he needs to do all that he will be doing.

Tina reported that Bob expressed a desire to use the Tree City (Park Committee?) loppers to do some trimming. Steve said he can pick some up at the Home Center and charge them to the Town's account.

Steve reported that there will be a meeting on Monday, April 23, with the Division of Wildlife Resources and the US Forest Service to discuss fish populations. Their presentation will be held in the meeting room from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The next day they will hold an open house in the same place between 9:00 and 4:00 with more information. Because of conditions in Garkane's license renewal, the fish control program has to be done, so they would like people to come and find out what they will be doing.

On Saturday there will be a memorial program in the conference room between 1:00 and 2:00 to honor and remember the life of LeFair Hall. A memorial bench will be placed that day in the Tract Park. Everyone is invited to participate and share memories.

The Monument has an app now which is available as Escalante Visitor Info. It's designed to help people find things to do while they are here but may be helpful to locals.

The Top of Zion foot race will be in this area on June 8-9. There will be extra vehicle and foot traffic present in the area of the Community Center. The renovated Cowpuncher Cabin should be available by Memorial Day, so if you want to use it, be sure to make reservations. The Tract Park has one restroom available; the second one will be open after a part arrives and is installed.

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The **March Checks Issued** were reviewed. Gladys made a motion to accept them, Farlan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The **3rd quarter budget comparison** was distributed. The Council will review the figures and come back next month with any questions or suggestions.

Peg said that Tina has written a letter requesting that the recordings of the County Commission meetings be uploaded to a website where our citizens could listen. Steve will review it, make changes that he thinks would be appropriate, get it to Peg to put onto Town letterhead so he can sign it, and they can take it with them Monday to the County Commission meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk