

May 3, 2012

Meeting began at 7:08 p.m.

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

Absent and excused: Sue Inman.

Public Present: Ashley Coombs, Mike Nelson and Alyssa Thompson, Cheryl Cox, Constance Lynn and Matt Cochran, John Wolfer, Walt Gove and two guests, Boz Bosworth and Bobbie Cleave, Sergio Femenias and Peg Smith, Scott Brodie, Jonathan Williams and Tonya Collings, Randy Catmull, Mark Nelson, Anselm Spring.

Pledge of allegiance

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2012, meeting. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Walt stated that he has long felt that Highway 12 over Boulder Mountain should be tourist friendly. It is a good place to spend time in the summer but has not been developed for bikers and hikers. He reported that the Forest Service has withdrawn a proposal for logging and burning in order to increase the grass for cattle and habitat for wildlife. He feels this will make it more welcoming to tourists and feels the town should be aware of this change.

Cheryl reported on the School District's What Counts community forum where a group met on April 11 at Bryce Valley to look at their dreams of the future for Garfield County schools. The same activity will be held this Wednesday at 5:00 at the Boulder Elementary school, at which citizens of Boulder will have an opportunity to let the district know what we want.

Mike Nelson has submitted to Council members some comments on his request that the roadsides in Boulder not be sprayed. He read those comments. (Lisa Varga came.) He and Steve each talked with the Escalante UDOT representative. He also understands that they sprayed the roadsides today, but he thinks there are other methods of cleaning around the delineators than spraying and is willing to help. Steve reported that they didn't spray last year but were going to spray this year. If we don't want them to spray, we need to propose an alternative. They are spraying only around the delineators for noxious weeds to keep them from spreading.

Tom feels that, as long as we have people willing to hand clear the weeds around the delineators, we could ask UDOT not to spray. However, the problem lies in following

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through year after year. Gladys suggested that we modify the letter to ask them to notify us in advance of future spraying so that we can have a chance to clean around them. We can ask them to notify us, and we will take care of it. Boz said that Garkane was responsive when they were approached about modifying their treatment of trees that they cut down. He said that when companies test their pesticides, they are checking for lethal dosages, but it's the sublethal dosages that cause bees not to create queens.

Bob asked if he could spray the gravel on the corner with Roundup, because he and Naomi are not able to pull all the weeds. Tom said that, if we could pull the weeds or use a push hoe, we wouldn't have to spray. Naomi said they can't do it themselves. There will be a community clean-up day this Saturday. Bob stated that, if the weeds are still there on Monday, he will spray. Alyssa, Mike, John, Constance, and Peg volunteered to help keep the weeds from the corner all summer. Bill suggested we try the volunteer effort. Tom suggested we try the volunteer method of weeding the corner until the June meeting without spraying.

Constance asked if, rather than asking UDOT to notify us, we can just say don't do it, and we will clean the weeds. We want to help UDOT get their job done. Tom doesn't want the Town to be the intermediary and asked if Mike would be willing to be the contact person. Mike agreed to be the contact person with UDOT. Judi will retype the letter. Peg stated that people need notification that help is needed and is willing to put it on pegboard. Anselm asked how many ranchers and other private people spray. Bill replied that he doesn't know, but that many are trying to be organic. Tom made a motion that we as a Town Council accept the letter to UDOT asking for spraying to be eliminated in the Town of Boulder as edited by Judi and to be sent by the Town Council and Mayor. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tom reviewed the history of the wall on the east side of this lot. Tim Mutcher voluntarily furnished the materials and put the wall up, but it is still unfinished. Tim offered to finish it or to take it out. There was a discussion on how to proceed. If it were to be faced, watering would be a problem. Bill reminded the Council that the original vision was to line the front with boulders. His preference would be to take the wall down and use the boulders that are here to make an attractive boulder wall of varying sizes of boulders placed side by side between the grounds and the road. He feels it would match the theme at the playground, Post Office, corner and tract park. The log barriers would remain. Tom will be the liaison with Tim. The Council agreed that the wall will come down and be replaced with boulders.

We advertised for a custodian, but no one has shown any interest in it. Gladys said her daughter is willing to do it during May, June, July, and August at the advertised rate, and we can see how much time is required. Tom has offered to do the grounds work with the checks going to the Parks Friends' fund. He will do it as a contractor. The Council

agreed to this solution for this summer.

Bill reported on our request to the CIB for a grant to develop the tract park. They offered a \$207,000 loan at 2 ½% interest for 30 years. The payments would be \$9,887 per year. We can't afford that size of payment in addition to the one we are already making. Steve asked if we could go back with an alternative proposal. We could call Gary Zabriskie and see what the climate is. We have \$10,000 we can begin with. Everything is waiting on the plowing and planting, which need to be done right now. Bill can plow it. There was a discussion on what we want to plant. We need something that doesn't require a lot of water or maintenance. Bill will call the Extension Agent to see if they can recommend something. Other sources of information were suggested. He will do some research and come back next month with suggestions and we can make a decision then. Bill will start plowing, then level it and make paths. Paths mowed short would be better than gravel. Steve would like to get the Park Committee to set priorities. Cheryl said there may be possibilities for other grants. The Arts Council looked at educational arts grants. Peg suggested that there may be some smaller ones. She's always looking for some and will let us know of any she finds.

The preliminary budget was presented and explained by Judi. Gladys asked if there is any way we can spend our liquor profits money. The law allows very limited uses for it.

Gladys made a motion we adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Tom seconded the motion. By roll call vote, Bill, Gladys, Tom, and Steve each voted aye. The Council adjourned to executive session at 8:20 and returned at 8:27.

Gladys made a motion the open meeting resume. Steve seconded the motion. By roll call vote, Bill, Gladys, Tom and Steve each voted aye. Open meeting resumed at 8:27 p.m.

Bill appointed Donna Jean Wilson to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Council, by unanimous approval, confirmed the appointment.

Jackson Excavating has finished with the BKRE road cleanup. Boulder Farmstead needs 1,000 cubic yards of gravel. The town can buy the gravel from the County and BFWC can buy it from us to use exclusively on the roads. Tom wondered if we can get some gravel sometime for a parking area on the north side of this lot. We can't use road money for it and don't know if the budget will have money for it. Tom made a motion the town buy gravel from the County as an intermediary for the Boulder Farmstead Water Company to resurface the roads in the BKRE subdivision. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Planning Commission minutes of the last meeting are being reviewed. Alyssa reported that the Boulder Creek Canyon Ranch sign was approved and said that they will

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write a letter to the Council regarding it. They are reviewing two subdivision applications, one for Full Moon and one for Open Country Investments. Upcoming is an application from Loch Wade requesting a change to the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission is waiting for a Conditional Use Application from the Lodge.

The Fire Department has purchased ten radios and pagers and a radio for the fire truck. We don't have a key policy for the firehouse. As there is expensive equipment housed in it, they would like to have a key policy similar to the policy we have for the Community Center so they can know who has keys and so there will be some accountability for them. We will work that out next month. The EMT's are concerned about access to the ambulance. Garfield County will be installing a repeater at the head of the rocks to expand the range of coverage.

The Council has received an appeal to the Planning Commission's decision on the BCCR sign decision. An appeal hearing will be held at 6:00 on the night of the regular June meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk