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Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

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

Public Present: Heather McDevitt, Ashley Coombs, Ellayna LeFevre, Tina Karlsson, Tessa Barkan, Pam Furches, Ray Nelson and Denise Pennington, Naomi Brems, Barbara and Larry Van Quill, Judith Geil, Peg Smith.

Pledge of allegiance

Conrad made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3 meeting. Gladys seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Gladys reported on the **Cemetery Committee** and stated that the youth in the community cleaned up the cemetery for Memorial Day. She will have Conrad mow around the graves. Steve thanked the Cemetery Committee for their service and handed out certificates of appreciation to those who were here.

Pam reported that the **Tree City Committee** has received a new \$1,000 **grant** for tools that can be used by the Park Committee and the Tree City Committee. They will be working with the grant coordinator to decide which tools they need.

Tina and Pam presented a draft of the **community orchard** and handed a proposed map to each Council member. They have 44 heritage apple trees ready to plant. They need approval from the Town on where to plant them and are looking at all the short term things that need to be done, such as preparing the ground and setting up a watering system, whether sprinkling/drip system or ditch irrigation. There are also long term considerations, such as management, harvesting, pest management. Their main goal at this meeting is to state that their goal is to use this process as an education opportunity, continuing with the training workshops they've been having and adding other workshops as the need arises. They hope to use the education that participants gain in helping owners of current orchards in caring for their trees.

The trees that are ready to plant are some that were taken from old varieties in town and grafted to new stock. They started with 22 varieties, but only 15 were successful. There may only be one of each variety, or they could have five. Steve asked if they are currently asking for the space and not necessarily funding. They are not asking for funding at this point, but may later for fencing. They would like help with figuring out such things as tilling and smoothing uneven ground. They will continue applying for grants. Conrad recommended that they consider the spacing between trees. They will apply for another Community Forestry Grant in August. Tina stated that it would be helpful if we could budget for a match for another grant. Farlan asked if they were planning to leave the

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gullies or fill them and made suggestions that might help with the problem. Farlan and Conrad could work together to help dig the holes. They need to fill in the ditches and do some contouring. Farlan cautioned them not to disturb the topsoil.

Gladys stated that the tree orchard was not in the original plan for the tract and that some people are concerned. The Tract has about nine acres, and the orchard would take up about 1 ½ of those acres. She doesn't want taxpayer money going toward it. Steve replied that the orchard section was originally going to be shade trees. Gladys responded that an orchard is a lifetime job and asked who will take care of it. Pam said they have had good volunteer help but realize it will need a full-time person to manage it. She suggested that they could have university students come in and help. They have regularly had up to 35 people come to help on volunteer days but realize that isn't a guaranteed solution. The Tree City program doesn't support their helping private orchards. Tina stated that it will take a community effort, and there hasn't been any taxpayer money used so far. She feels that it is a good addition to this community property.

Conrad pointed out that there will be people who will be upset because they didn't get to go and pick apples. Who will be the one who decides who has access to the fruit and who doesn't? Pam replied that there is a food share program in Salt Lake that they are looking at as a model. From the harvest, they allot 1/3 to the volunteers, 1/3 to the Senior Center, and 1/3 to schools. Gladys feels that, since it's a community orchard, the fruit should be available to the community. Farlan is concerned down the line about **the cost of water** to feed 40 grown trees. Even though we have four A shares of irrigation water, he is concerned about how they will get it out of the system and onto the land. It will have to be metered, and in low years like this one, there may not be water. He suggested a drip system might work. He recommended that they not plant more than they can water. He feels they won't have water for 40 trees and suggested that they start with fewer. Farlan made a motion to approve their using a third of the area they have proposed and that they come up with a plan and see how much water it takes. Conrad added to the motion a recommendation that they look for a viable place to access the water we have and then seconded the revised motion. Steve, Conrad, Farlan and Pete voted yes. Gladys voted no and asked where we are using our A shares now. Pete said it's been watering the trees and some of the lower parts. Before approving the final plan, Farlan would like to see what they can water with what we have. Steve asked if they can work with that, Pam replied that they would see, and Steve asked them to try it out and come back with a report and a plan, or let us know that it won't work and make another proposal, but for now they can choose a third of the proposed area and do what they can with it. Pam asked if it would be possible to get more water shares, and Farlan answered that we won't be able to find any to buy, but may be able to lease some shares.

Josh Ellis reported that BCA is planning to do a celebration on Wednesday, **July 4**, this year and that it will be similar to the past few years. The Boulder Mountain Lodge/Hell's Backbone Grill talent show will be on Saturday, and Raymond is going to try to do a play

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on Friday. He asked if the Town would help again by contributing \$1,500 to their budget. He stated that they need a permanent cooking pit, but unless there is one, they will barbeque the meat instead. If we would do a permanent pit, they may be able to get some cinder blocks donated. But right now they need something temporary to roast three pigs. In addition to the request for \$1,500, they are asking for money in the amount of the cost of a pit. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, they will plan to have the parade at 2:00 to make more free time in the afternoon for volunteers and others to enjoy the day before dinner. Josh stated that anyone would be able to use the pit. Gladys wondered if it would be better to do three smaller pits. Josh felt that would be more expensive. He said they won't have a fire as big as last year's but will do a smaller one. He asked for \$1,000 to get materials to make a temporary way to roast three pigs this year. He would then take it apart and use the same materials to make a permanent place when a site is approved. BCA would be responsible for taking it apart.

Gladys asked about **the pit**. Could anyone use it? (Yes.) What else could it be used for? (Barbequing other things—it will be big enough that smaller things could be cooked. Wood will be burned—inside or outside the pit--and the coals used for the heat to cook what will be above it.) He will have a fire engine there to keep the ground wet. Steve asked for clarification that the pit would be taken apart when finished. Josh said that it would unless we could find a permanent place for it. Steve said there is not a permanent place designated. Ray stated that they need a place to cook three pigs, but sometime there should be some stand-up BBQ things that are permanent so people could come and cook their hamburgers or steaks.. Pete stated that a permanent pit would be a capital improvement in the budget. Gladys made a motion that we approve the expenditure of \$1,500 to pay for the dinner expenses. Pete seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Before voting on the \$1,000 request, the Council asked for details. Josh said it would be about a 5' x 12' cinder block structure (priced at Home Depot). He is willing to talk to one of the local building supplies businesses to see if they might donate some or give us a better price. Gladys asked if we don't approve it, is there another option? She doesn't have a problem with the \$1,000 but wants it to be something that can be used more than just on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Farlan would like to see a breakdown of the costs. Pete made a motion that we allocate \$1,000 for the parts to go toward a barbeque pit and that Josh be responsible for assembling the pit and for finding a permanent place for it.. There was no second. Gladys asked if they put it up, will they dismantle it when they are through? Josh answered affirmatively, stating that it would be a lot of work. She added that she hated to spend that much money for something that would be used one time.

Peg asked if there is a pit left from last year. Josh replied that the pit they've been doing is a traditional old-time pit. Peg asked if there isn't a dip behind the restrooms that could be used? Steve answered that the pit is for compost for the park. Pete stated that, if it isn't going to be permanent, we shouldn't do it. The motion didn't carry. Conrad suggested that 50 gallon drums could be used until we can find a permanent place.

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Naomi stated that if we make a roasting pit, we will be committed to use it every year.

The State Finance Department is requiring that we approve a **Public Entity Resolution** designating people who are allowed access to local funds held in a Public Treasurer's Investment Fund. (The money in our fund is dedicated to closing our landfill when the time comes and to restore the landscape around it.) Gladys made a motion that the people be the current Mayor, Treasurer, and Clerk. Farlan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Pete made a motion that we replace Resolution 96-2 with **Resolution 2018-2**, Authority to Procure Federal Lands for Boulder Town, Utah. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Federal agencies have set fire restrictions for the season. Steve read our last year's fire restriction ordinance and suggested we issue an ordinance with the same wording this season. Gladys made a motion to approve **Ordinance 2018-2 Imposing Fire Restrictions**. Farlan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Tina discussed placing **sound buffering panels** in the commons area and hall of the Community Center. It would be a total of 240 sq. ft and would cost \$2,000 plus shipping from a company in Florida. Installation would be extra. She will check pricing with a company in Salt Lake. The panels would be on the ceiling. She will do a little more research. She would like to have this item added to the budget.

**Budget requests** were discussed. The Fire Department would like \$15,000 allocated. They need new turnout suits. Budget for the Planning Commission and Landfill can stay the same. Tina asked if we would consider purchasing a chipper. In the Recreation and Culture budget, Boulder Arts Council requested that the Town pay for two \$125 traveling art exhibits instead of the one we are paying for now. Gladys asked that we budget for gravel roads inside the cemetery. Jackson's quoted a price of \$150/load of gravel. We would need about \$3,000 for it. We should add \$1,000 for the Tree Committee. In the Tract Park maintenance budget we can include a) people and b) supplies (\$2,500.) The Tract Park Capital Projects budget (\$13,242) should include the price of a fence, and we can remove paths, ground work, brush hog, footbridge, cattleguard, and culvert. We can use rent money for capital improvement items such as building maintenance and sound proofing. We should budget for additional new tables that could be rented. Peg requested \$450 for a documents camera in the administration budget.

We will schedule our **Public Hearing/Meeting** to approve the 2018-19 budget and make whatever changes need to be made to the 2017-18 budget for Thursday, June 21 at 7:00.

Donna has reported that the **landfill** is being overrun with demolition materials and large items that need to be hauled to John's Valley. Farlan will make sure more room will be

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made. He recommended we get two roll offs at the dump that people would have to pay to use. We should require that big constructions/demolition sites have a rollout. We will discuss it next month. He will see Jay Brooks about hauling large items from the landfill. The County is starting to do some hot mix, so we may be able to get some patching done. He will see about blading the cemetery. We need to take some trees out at the cemetery. The new road signs will be coming soon. Farlan will find someone to install them.

Gladys will hold a **cemetery** meeting later this summer to discuss interior roads and to organize the plots, including reserving spots, etc.

A water line in the Firehouse is broken. Pete is working on getting it fixed.

The Planning Commission is having a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> to receive public input on ADUs and zoning corrections. Committees are still working, with emphasis on the General Plan. Pete suggested we need a committee to come up with a Wildfire Preparedness Plan. Steve will help Pete with the process. We should have a Fire Council to help with the Plan.

Conrad asked if we could put in 220 wiring at the pavilion and conduit.

Steve thanked the Tree Committee for their Arbor Day program and The Boulder Arts Council for their First Saturday music activities. Tina and BOSS cleaned up the recycle site, and the Escalante River Watershed Partnership will hold meetings here on June 13 at Anasazi State Park and in the Community Center on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-3:00. Both meetings are open to the public.

The **checks issued** in May were reviewed. Gladys made a motion to approve the list. Pete seconded the motions, and the vote was unanimous.

Tina stated that some people are concerned about the November **election**. The County is doing mail ballots only. The concern is that if the ballot doesn't come in the mail in time to be returned on schedule, a vote won't count. With mailed ballots, the County can't send them to General Delivery. It should be possible for everyone to vote, even if they don't have a Post Office box. Peg would like to have registration easier and returning ballots easier. They would like to come up with a way to deposit ballots into a box here and have someone take the locked box to Panguitch at the end of the voting time.

Gladys made a motion the meeting adjourn. Conrad seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.