

June 4th, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Council present: Steve Cox; Mayor, Elizabeth Julian, Judy Drain, Gladys LeFevre, Council members, Judi Davis, Michala Alldredge; Town Clerks

Public Present: Ashley Coombs, Tessa Barkan, Peg Smith

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes of May 7th meeting and May 13th special meeting:

Mayor Cox answered two questions regarding minutes. Judy made a motion to approve the May 7th minutes with the additions, Gladys seconded the motion, unanimous vote in favor to approve. Elizabeth and Conrad were absent. Mayor Cox made a motion to approve the May 13th special meeting minutes, Judy seconded the motion and all approved. Elizabeth joined the meeting.

Review of Preliminary 2020-2021 budget and set date for public hearing and adoption of 2020-21 budget:

Mayor Cox stated that Judi is working on a preliminary budget, and asked that meanwhile the Town Council (TC) members check with their departments about upcoming needs. He suggested looking at last year's budget and plan on a 10% cut. He asked that the TC set a date for a public hearing (PH) and adoption of the budget. Judi suggested Thursday, June 18th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. We will conduct the meeting via Zoom. Judi stated that she has a preliminary budget ready and will forward to TC prior to the meeting.

Discussion of 4th of July:

Mayor Cox reported that he spoke with Boulder Community Alliance (BCA) representatives about 4th of July festivities. He stated that because Utah is still in the yellow phase of COVID-19 and because the festivities take a lot of planning they (BCA) decided not to do a dinner and games/activities this year. He asked for input regarding having a parade with published guidelines for safety and social distancing. Judi proposed a different route to make permitting easier. Gladys suggested that the parade start at the corner of Burr Trail and Highway 12 and end at the town park via Burr Trail east and Lower Boulder road north to the town park. Elizabeth reiterated the need for published open air social distancing guidelines. Mayor Cox stated that he would hate to see July 4th go by with nothing being done to celebrate it. Gladys asked if she could tentatively plan it and then cancel if we need be. She said she will check with the BCA. Mayor Cox said that he likes the additions of a different route and asked Gladys to report back on June 18th when TC reconvenes for the budget meeting and make a decision then.

Department Reports:

Cemetery and Buildings, Travel Council:

Gladys reported that the Cemetery board hasn't had a meeting yet, they will see how the

summer goes. She stated that everything is fine at the town hall as far as she knows. She stated that the Travel council is meeting on June 18th, 2020. She added that the Travel Council is delaying their ad campaign for this area, she believes it is scheduled to start June 30th, 2020 depending on Utah's status regarding COVID-19 cases and reopening businesses. Mayor Cox asked about putting flags up for Veteran's at the cemetery on Memorial day. He stated he was in Escalante this past Memorial day and their cemetery has a simple design for posting flags on Veteran's gravesites. If the TC is amenable he can forward a sketch of their design that Boulder could replicate and implement next year to honor the Veteran's. All agreed to see the sketch and possibly implement it next year.

Planning Commission and Roads:

Judy reported that Randy Catmull has put the post up that was down at his property. She is planning on putting the signs up this weekend. She is concerned about where the Cemetery sign was located and would like to move it so it doesn't get hit by a car again. She will check with Blue Stakes before moving forward. She stated that she hasn't heard anything from UDOT regarding the turn lane construction at the corner of Highway 12 and the Burr Trail road. Mayor Cox heard from Brian Bremner that Garfield county is going to crush material and mix it with material that they have. He furthered that they didn't have an exact timeline but it would be reasonably soon. Judy will follow up with Garfield county. Mayor Cox added that UDOT has surveyed and staked out the turn lane on Highway 12 to Burr Trail road and it is ready for Garfield county to lay the groundwork. Mayor Cox reported regarding the Planning Commission (PC) meeting that Sugarloaf Valley Farms applied to amend their CUP to add 2 more guest houses and it was approved. He continued that there is a mapping project underway to document all resident and non-resident properties for RSTR purposes (divided into 3 zones). He added that this doesn't apply to TC, unless the PC decides to amend the RSTR ordinance. He reported that there are two working groups underway. One is working on the Table of Uses in the Boulder Town General Plan and a second group working with Lee Nellis to provide a framework for evaluating commercial project applications. He stated that both are making progress. He added that at some point the TC will amend the General Plan and ordinances. Judy said that the rough draft of the Table of Uses will be sent to the PC in the next week. Mayor Cox stated that the PC will have a public hearing and consider a CUP next week, for an arts and cultural center that Jacqui Smalley has proposed.

Enforcement, Landfill, Grounds and Park Committee:

Mayor Cox stated that Donna Jean is not able to continue as the regular landfill attendant. He gave Dean the go ahead to do that job for now. He asked the TC if they would like to advertise for the position, although it is challenging to obtain applicants, or if they would like to let Dean have the job. He added that he would like to identify a backup person to fill in if needed. Judy and Gladys think Dean is doing the job well and has some knowledge about dos and don't's. Judi added that he enjoys it and it's been good for him. Mayor Cox decided to allow Dean to continue in the job and identify a person to back him up. He furthered that Dwight's recycle will be over in the near future to pick up the metal from the landfill.

EMS, Arts Council, Fire Council and Library Board:

Elizabeth reported that Corry said all purchases have been turned in to Judi for requests for remaining fire equipment. Judi said she has received one invoice since March. Elizabeth

continued that the Fire Department burned the fire pit at the landfill on Friday, May 8th. She stated that the Fire council hasn't met this season, but they will meet and report back to her. She had nothing to report from the Library or Arts councils. She stated that she emailed Andy and Taylor about their EMT training and certification status and hasn't heard back from either one of them yet. She reported that they said they have submitted all of their reimbursement requests. She said that Anson's training is on hold and he will update her when it is back in session. Mayor Cox stated that he hasn't heard anything about fire restrictions and asked Elizabeth to check with Peter Benson about it for the next meeting so the town can issue a resolution. He suggested that it could also be discussed at the June 18th meeting.

Mayor:

Mayor Cox addressed residents' questions regarding the post office job since Karen is resigning. He spoke with Kim Roehmer, who said she's had three applicants and will continue to take applications. He said that there were rumors that it would change how the post office was run and Kim Roehmer said that is not the case, they are going to replace Karen and keep the position at 9am-1pm Monday through Saturday. He reported that Garfield county sent/donated 2,000 disposable, protective masks to distribute to business in town. Pam Furches and Devaki Murch are coordinating distribution to businesses in town. Devaki has also worked to get 10,000 additional masks-5000 for Boulder and 5000 intended for surrounding communities, which were donated by private outdoor businesses. He commended her for contacting businesses and obtaining personal protective equipment for Boulder residents. He also expressed his appreciation to the companies that donated the masks. He added that she is working on obtaining more gloves, hand sanitizer, infrared thermometers, and oximeters.

Clerks:

Judi has checks issued to be approved. She stated that she will email them to the TC and they can be approved at the June 18, 2020 meeting. Peg talked about the new Boulder website. She stated that it would hopefully go live by the end of the month. She added that we need to work with Judi about the domain information to make the change. Mayor Cox asked whether the change would affect our codifications process. Michala replied that Wayne at Infowest believes the process should not be affected and that she will follow up with Curtis about the status of the codification process.

Public Comment: Ashley said that he heard a rumor that Jacqui withdrew her CUP application. Mayor Cox and Peg verified that is a false rumor and that the public hearing would be held at the upcoming PC meeting.

Gladys made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Judy seconded the motion and all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.