

October 3, 2019 Town Council meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Council present: Steve Cox; Mayor, Peter Benson, Gladys LeFevre, Judy Drain, Conrad Jepsen; Council members, Judi Davis and Michala Alldredge; Town clerks

Public present: Cookie and Pete Schaus, Tina Karrlson, Peg Smith, Elizabeth Julian and Tessa Barkan.

Pledge of Allegiance

First item on the agenda was the approval of the September 2019 meeting minutes. Peter moved to approve the September Town Council (TC) and Public Hearing meeting minutes, Gladys seconded the motion and all approved.

Next, Judy Drain presented a proposal to place two new, public dumpsters on Lower Boulder road. One would be on the Sugarloaf Valley Farms property and one on Robert Owens property. Judy explained the exact locations on each property. She also stated that Brian Bremner had already approved the dumpster at Sugarloaf Valley Farms. Mayor Cox stated that he was unsure about whether the town needed to have a public hearing about the issue but wanted this to be discussed in the council meeting so all members of the public had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns before the TC approved the placement of any new dumpsters. Judy asked the audience how they felt about the issue. Members of the public discussed the location, the amount of loose debris, additional traffic, etc. Mayor Cox then read a letter from Shawn Owen of Sugarloaf Valley Farms that stated they are seeking to put a dumpster on their private property. Mayor Cox verified with Judy that Shawn and the other owners of Sugarloaf Valley Farms are okay with any and all Boulder residents disposing of their household trash in the new dumpsters. Mayor Cox then made a motion to approve placement of a dumpster on Sugarloaf Valley Farms and tabled the proposed dumpster placement on Robert Owens property citing that it needs further discussion. Judy added that the town also needs approval from Brian Bremner to obtain or move a dumpster to Roberts property and she will follow up to see if that can be obtained. Gladys made a motion to approve placement of one new dumpster at Sugarloaf Valley Farms, to be used by any and all Boulder residents for disposal of household trash. Conrad seconded the motion and all approved.

The next agenda item was an update on the Boulder town website. Peg reported that the Granicus legal team can't figure out how to make things work with tying the Boulder town website to the Garfield County site since a contract is already in place. They stated that Boulder will need its own package which Granicus quoted to be approximately a \$3200-3500 set up fee, plus an annual fee of another \$3200.00, which is beyond Boulder's price range so the Granicus deal is off the table for at least the next 4 years, until the Garfield County contract is up for renegotiation. Peg reported that she reached out to InfoWest as an alternative. She stated that

they would take existing documentation and roll it onto a new platform and can also host the site. Which would be ideal for maintenance and continuity purposes. Infowest quoted \$3600 for development and \$25 per year or \$300 per year for maintenance/hosting and includes a free SSL certificate, which will make it a secure website. Mayor Cox asked Peg if she was able to get a hold of iGov for a quote. She stated that she reached out to them, was never contacted back and that she will try to contact them again. Mayor Cox stated that he emailed the Mayors of Escalante and Torrey inquiring what/who they use for website hosting and services but hasn't heard back from either of them yet. Peg asked the Council members for any specifics they are interested in. Peter responded that the service needs to be easy to update to prohibit outdated information. Mayor Cox added that we need to make sure that any new system can work together with Sterling Codifiers. Mayor Cox decided to postpone a decision until there is more information next month. Peg agreed to keep researching and present her findings in the November TC meeting.

Then there was a discussion of a new sound system for the meeting room. Mayor Cox reported that Curtis collected data online for a proposal for a new soundsystem and outlined the list of proposed equipment needed and the capabilities to record and upload meeting recordings to the towns website. The quote came in at \$3203.08. He then asked if we should have Curtis pursue this further. Peter expressed his feeling that Boulder needs to pursue this, adding that it would potentially eliminate background noise and enhance speakers with the use of microphones. The number of microphones discussed in the proposal was 8 and the council members discussed whether this was too many or not. Gladys wondered if the town should have Curtis come up with other options or have him narrow the proposal down. Mayor Cox suggested that the council could approve the proposal minus the additional microphones, or have Curtis gather more information to propose at next month's meeting. Peter made a motion to go ahead and pursue buying the sound system without the extra microphones, Judy seconded the motion and all approved.

Next there was an update on the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP). Josh Soper, the Garfield County Firewarden recently contacted Mayor Cox and Peter to remind them that the deadline to turn in volunteer hours and evidence of town preparedness for wildfires for the current year is approaching. Peter explained that this program was triggered by Utah state notifying individual towns, communities and municipalities that in the event of a fire initiating in an area where there has been no activity on the towns part to prepare for or prevent a fire then the town could potentially be held liable for the cost of the damage if the fire were to spread to national forest lands, etc. Bevin Kilpack came to Boulder and helped organize Boulders CWPP in the summer of 2018. Since then the CWPP has held regular meetings to create plans and follow up by taking action to mitigate and minimize fire danger on private property in Boulder and the surrounding areas. A main goal of the CWPP has been to alert and enlist landowners of things they can do on their private property to prevent and prepare for a fire. This inspired the

extra days that the Boulder town landfill will be open this month for residents to bring in yard debris they have cleared from their property. Peter reported that although he had agreed to work the extra hours to have the landfill open, Donna Jean has volunteered to work instead in an effort to supervise and oversee what actually comes to the dump on the additional days. The TC agreed that Donna Jean should be there to supervise. Corry Johnson will make sure that the debris in the pit at the landfill is burned beforehand to accommodate the incoming yard debris. Gladys suggested that a sign be posted at the post office to remind community members who don't have Pegboard/email for notification of the additional hours that the landfill will be open. Peter explained that Boulders commitment to the state is to accrue \$2285.00 worth of volunteer hours. Each volunteer hour is worth approximately \$25 an hour. Additionally, any work done at private residences clearing brush, etc. qualifies for and counts as volunteer hours towards the town commitment. He explained that there are 3 categories included in the commitment which are comprised of wildfire mitigation (ie. clearing brush, etc. on property), prevention (ie. posting house numbers, street signs, clearing or creating fire lanes and equipment used for fighting fires, essentially anything that helps the fire department initially respond to and attack a fire), and preparedness (holding meetings and informational events for public education and training). He stated that Boulder town has to have a proportion of each of the 3 categories. He further stated that if a community member is using equipment to clear yard debris or maintain roads accessible by emergency vehicles that there are volunteer rates available for those as well. Mayor Cox asked that a downloadable PDF or equivalent be made available through the town's website for people to refer to and use for documentation of volunteer hours. Gladys inquired if Boulder had met its obligation last year. Peter confirmed that the town did meet its obligation last year. Mayor Cox reiterated the importance of fire mitigation on private property by residents and keeping track of volunteer hours.

Next, Mayor Cox announced that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission (PC). Peg suggested that the TC postpone filing the position until after the upcoming election because there may be two empty spots depending on the outcome of the election. Currently the PC has a complete quorum because the alternate member can fill the spot vacated by Perry Tancredi. Mayor Cox agreed that the town can wait until the December TC meeting, after the town election, to fill the available spot(s).

Department reports:

Enforcement, Grounds and Park Committee. Mayor Cox asked for an update regarding the deteriorating, metal planter boxes in front of the community center. Conrad reported that he has been trying to identify who built them originally to approach them about fixing or replacing them. Conrad will continue working on it and will either find someone to fix them or replace the planter boxes with something else and report his findings to the TC. Tina Karlsson reported on the park committee. She stated that Judith Geil proposed installing a sign to thank and memorialize Todd Campbell and Judith Rosoletti for building the rock wall at the town park. She further stated that

the park committee stipulated the funding would not be allocated from Park Committee funds and that the wording on the signs would be approved by Todd Campbell and Stephen Karlin with final approval from the TC. They further stipulated that the sign be mounted on the ground and not extend over the top of the wall per recommendation from Todd Campbell and that it wouldn't be larger than 1' x 1'. Additionally, it was suggested that the plaque have space to add names or another sign be installed for recognition of individuals in the future. Tina reported that Ana Sanders asked the TC to consider that the restrooms at the park are exactly the same and has proposed abandoning male/female distinction on signage so that people are not waiting in line unnecessarily. She also asked if the town would add trash receptacles to the restrooms, especially during special events for trash collection. Discussion by the TC ensued. Gladys made a motion to have the Park Committee move forward on a proposal for a memorial sign, Peter seconded the motion and all approved. Peter made a motion to replace the restroom signage with neutral, unisex signage, Judy seconded the motion and all approved. Mayor Cox reported that the Arts Council has a warning sign ready to install by the newly constructed elk structure. He reminded Conrad that the park needs to be winterized this month and will give him written step by step instructions for this.

Planning Commission (PC), EMS, Tree Board and Boulder Arts Council (BAC):

Peter reported that the PC is still working on the table of uses, definitions and rezoning in the General plan. Regarding EMS he reported that they received the last shipment of the new fire equipment and that they had met and distributed the light weight gear. He had nothing to report on the Tree Board or BAC. He then discussed that the radios and pagers the EMS currently has are inadequate for notifying necessary EMS personnel the majority of the time. He stated that Boulder needs a new repeater since the old one was ruined in a storm. He suggested that we notify and coordinate with the county, either the Garfield county commissioners and/or sheriff's department about obtaining new, properly functioning equipment. Elizabeth Julian reported that Troy Julian and Silas Navaar had identified problems and solutions regarding this issue and have notified the proper persons in EMS meetings, yet nothing has been done to remedy the situation thus far. Mayor Cox asked if Troy and Silas would be willing to draft a letter that the town could submit to the county commissioners and/or the sheriff's department. He stated that he will contact the town attorney about what we need to do if Boulder receives no response from the Garfield County.

Cemetery, Buildings and Freebox:

Gladys had nothing to report about the cemetery. She reported that there was dissatisfaction with the condition of the community center and that the town will readvertise for a new janitor this month. She further reported that she was unaware of a mice problem in the kitchen until recently and that she will post signage and put traps in place to rid the kitchen of them and prevent further problems. Regarding the freebox, she will send a pegboard/email notification about appropriate freebox items. She suggested we re advertise for the janitorial and

maintenance position. She cited that it tends to work out better when one person holds the position. Mayor Cox stated that he will publish the advertisement for the building custodian and snow removal position for the winter months. Gladys reported that recently the community center building door was propped open for admittance to an event and was left open after the event ended. Mayor Cox asked her about the travel council and stated that annual revenues were different this year in comparison to previous years. He asked that she report back next month after the upcoming Travel Council meeting.

Roads and landfill:

Judy reported that in her communications with Donna Jean that everything is good at the landfill. As far as roads are concerned the cemetery sign is not up yet due to mechanical issues with the backhoe, plus we need to contact blue stakes since we are moving the sign 5 feet. Mayor Cox asked about getting fill added to the Biglers road. She will follow up with that.

Mayor Cox reported on the Boulder Farmstead meeting. He stated that they discussed ADU's and obtaining a new water tank. He stated that there wasn't a vote on anything and that they had not reached a decision on either issue after discussion in the meeting. He reported that it was determined that adding a new water tank would increase individual water rates by \$8 per month and they weren't comfortable with implementing that so soon after putting in a new system. He further stated that it didn't appear that they had a very good understanding of what an ADU was compared to an accessory building and other things that require water. He believes they took things under advisement in the recent meeting. He also reported that he sent a thank you letter to Escalante High School students and staff thanking them for their service day in Boulder.

Judi presented a list of checks issued in September for approval. Gladys made a motion to approve checks issued in September, Peter seconded the motion and all approved.

Public comments: Cookie asked two questions. She asked if the check from the town was coming to the Library for shared internet services. Mayor Cox verified that it was. She also reported that she researched a portable stage, sent a quote to the BAC via email and hasn't heard back from them. It was determined that Tina, a member of both the BAC and the Park Committee, will present a proposal to the TC regarding purchasing a new, portable stage based on Cookies research. Mayor Cox thanked Cookie for researching a portable stage for the town park.

Peter made a motion to adjourn, Gladys seconded the motion and all agreed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.