

November 5, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Present: Tessa Barkan, Kipp Greene, Peg Smith, Colleen Thompson, Caroline Hoyt, Phoenix Bunke, Michelle LeBaron, Walt Gove, Cookie Schaus, Josey Muse, Mark Nelson, Nancy Tosta,

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Pledge of Allegiance

**Approve minutes of October 1st meeting:**

Judy made a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting minutes with the discussed changes. Gladys seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes with the changes.

**Discussion of CARES Act funding:**

Mayor Cox reported that he and the clerks attended a virtual meeting presented by Wayne Bradshaw of Utah League of Cities and Towns regarding the reappropriated CARES funds allocated to resort towns throughout Utah. He stated that this meeting was helpful in clarifying details and timelines for reporting and spending the funds received by the town. He detailed that Boulder received about \$40k in funds. The report detailing how we plan to spend the funds is due November 30th, 2020 and the funds must be spent by December 30th, 2020. He then proposed that the town use a portion of the money for: new computer and monitor (with webcam & microphone), Meeting Owl Pro system (to conduct virtual and hybrid meetings), Zoom charges from April-Dec 2020, and an air sanitizing system (3 units) for the Community Center. He then invited the Town Council (TC) members to ask questions and give input. There was a discussion about how the air sanitizing system works as well as the cost of maintenance. Gladys made a motion to use a portion of the CARES funds to purchase the air sanitizing system. Judy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve a portion of funds for the air sanitizing system.

Mayor Cox then explained that some of the cities that received CARES funds had used the money to offer grants to local businesses. He created an application and sent it to the TC members. He then solicited input from the TC about the program as well as the

proposed application. All TC members expressed their support. Mayor Cox asked that TC members look at the application and submit changes by the next day so the clerks can distribute the applications to all local business owners as soon as possible. Then we can schedule a special meeting to decide how to allocate the grants before November 30th, 2020. Judy made a motion to approve the small business grant program for Boulder CARES funds. Conrad seconded the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

**Discussion of Safe Route to School Grant Application:**

Mayor Cox explained that this is a project that the town has been talking about for a couple years. This year we asked Elizabeth to identify some parents to help us pursue applying for grant money and she did. He, Judy Drain and Judi Davis met with Ana Sanders and Jill Trombley to discuss it. Ana and Jill took on the project and contacted Jones & DeMille Engineering, who volunteered to write the grant application at no cost but would like to engineer the project when the grant is obtained. The application has been submitted. Then, Elizabeth shared the Safe Route to School grant application and provided a detailed map showing proposed crosswalks, speed bumps and pedestrian crossing signs. Judy suggested we add another speed bump near the Stout's house until we can get the blind corner fixed. Mayor Cox reiterated that the town can appropriate more money to the project from the town budget. Discussion about the project and details ensued. Mayor Cox clarified the grant has been submitted and the money is for 2023. Judy suggested the town could install the speed bumps near the school to get them in place sooner than waiting for the grant money in 2023. Mayor Cox agreed installing the speed bumps sooner might be a good idea.

**Discussion of closure of landfill to cars, motorhomes, etc.:**

Mayor Cox spoke to Dwight's recycling about picking up scrap metal this year and prices are way down so they are not planning to pick up from our landfill this year. They are hoping prices will go up in the spring of 2021 and then they will come and pick up the scrap metal. Dean Wilson asked if we can prohibit vehicles being taken to the dump. Mayor Cox asked the TC if everyone agreed. All TC members agreed that no more vehicles will be accepted at the landfill. Michala will follow up identifying car donation pick up options. Mayor Cox asked Conrad to contact Dean and let him know of the decision and he will publish a pegboard detailing what can no longer be taken to the dump.

**Department Reports:**

**EMS, Fire Council, Library Board, Arts Council and Garfield County School District (GCSD):**

Elizabeth reported that she had no EMS updates. As far as she knows, neither Taylor nor Andy have taken the national exam to certify as an EMT. She asked if Judi had sent both of them a letter to inquire of their status and remind them to certify or reimburse the town for the costs they have billed us for training and travel. Judi replied that she hasn't but will send them each a letter. Elizabeth continued that the Fire Council is looking into re-working the 2021 Fire Ordinance language to be more clear and possibly extending the expiration date. It expired October 1st this year, yet we were still at a high risk for fire danger. She reported that the Library has closed temporarily due to Garfield County COVID-19 restrictions. She had a request from Cookie of the Library Board regarding the town portion of the internet bill and will follow up with Judi outside of the meeting. She reminded everyone that the Arts Council exhibit is open on Mondays from 11am-1pm until December 14th. One family unit will be allowed in at a time and must be wearing masks to comply with safety and social distancing precautions for COVID-19. Lastly, she reported that GCSD has created a dashboard on the homepage of their website showing active, recovered and quarantined COVID-19 cases.

**Cemetery, Buildings and Travel Council:**

Gladys reported that rebar has been placed at all the Veterans gravesites for displaying flags on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. It was discussed and decided that the flags would be put up early in the morning and taken down at sundown on the designated days. She has nothing to report about the Community Center. The Travel Council has a Zoom meeting scheduled in a few weeks and she will report back at the next meeting. She stated that their budget is down due to COVID-19 and they are looking at what to submit to the Garfield County commissioners. Mayor Cox thanked her for taking on the project of putting flags on all the Veterans graves.

**Planning Commission, Roads, Garfield County PC:**

Judy had nothing to report regarding roads. She is going to contact Blue Stakes so she can have the road sign at the cemetery installed 3' further north. She stated that the sign at Jepsens will be installed right next to the previous one. She reported that most of the Planning Commission (PC) meeting was spent working with Lee Nellis. They reviewed the commercial development sheet and the updated General Plan-Table of Uses.

**Enforcement, Landfill, Grounds and Park Committee:**

Conrad stated that Corry would like to get a trailer to haul the town side by side and other materials. Mayor Cox asked him to get a bid to present to the TC for approval.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Cox reported that he met with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representatives at the Tract park to conduct one last study before they lease it to the town. Upon completion the BLM representative said the paperwork might take 3-4 months and then the lease would be granted to the town. They asked if we would like a BLM rep. present it to the town and asked the TC to think about that option. He furthered that he contacted UDOT about mowing the sides of Highway 12. They haven't done due to fire hazard. As soon as we get moisture they will mow the area. Mayor Cox stated that Five County Association of Governments (FCAG) is redoing their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Peter Benson will head the Boulder group with Judith Geil to work with them. He thanked them for doing that work. He commented that the socially distanced Halloween stroll was great and a number of community members said we should do it every year.

Clerks - Approve September, October checks issued:

Discussion about what work was done at the landfill. Gladys made a motion to approve both months' checks. Judy seconded the motion. The vote to approve checks passed 5-0. Michala reported that we are close to moving all of our financials to the Pelorus program. Judi reported that the annual audit will be Monday, November 9th, 2020.

Public Comments:

Peg said there was a misprint in *The Insider* regarding the date on the fire ban.

Gladys made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm