

March 4, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Present: Colleen Thompson, Tina Karlsson, Michelle LeBaron, Tessa Barkan,
Peg Smith, Kipp Greene, Josey Muse, Mark Nelson, Elena Hughes, Phoenix Bunke,
Tom Hoyt, Nancy Tosta, Judith Geil, Ana Sanders, Sam Van Wetter, Ashley Coombs.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Approve minutes of January 7th and February 4th meetings:

Elizabeth made a motion to approve the January 7th meeting minutes, Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the February 4th meeting minutes. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 (SC, EJ, CJ)

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-1 Amendment to General Plan and 2021-2 Amendment to Zoning Ordinance:

Mayor Cox made a motion to open a Public Hearing for consideration of approval for amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission (PC). Conrad seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Question and answer session:

Town Council (TC) members asked questions and PC members, Josey and Colleen answered and clarified the proposed language changes addressed.

Public comments:

None

Discussion and vote on adoption of ordinances 2021-1 and 2021-2:135137

Mayor Cox made a motion to close the public hearing. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Cox stated that he has followed this for quite some time and feels like the proposed changes are necessary. Discussion and more questions came up from the TC. PC members, Josey and Colleen answered these questions. Mayor Cox made a motion to adopt the amendments to the General Plan and Zoning

Ordinance as recommended by the PC. Gladys seconded the motion. A roll call vote passed 5-0 (GL, JD, EJ, CJ, SC).

Introduction of Codified Ordinances:

Mayor Cox asked the TC go through the Ordinances and compare them to the ones posted online and look for edits/errors. He stated that at April's Planning Commission meeting the PC will consider recommending the final version of the codified ordinances to the TC for approval. He asked the TC to familiarize themselves and be ready to make a decision regarding approving the final version of the codified ordinances next month.

Discussion and vote on approval of Anasazi State Park Parking Lot Expansion:

The TC looked at the proposed changes and expansion of the Anasazi State Park parking lot. Conrad suggested putting barriers to prevent parking on Highway 12, which contributes to blocked viewing for traffic exiting the parking lot. Discussion of moving dumpsters and whether it's a good idea followed. Mayor Cox proposed they table the discussion for now to have further discussion with Jamie regarding concerns and potential options.

Presentation of Memorial Bench Program - Tina Karlsson, Park Committee Chair:

Tina presented the detailed criteria that the Park Committee compiled for a pilot program to add six memorial benches at the town park. The committee also discussed potentially allowing benches, plaques or picnic tables as memorials at other Town locations. Gladys expressed her appreciation for the proposal and expressed her concerns about maintenance. She suggested that we recommend certain benches that the town can maintain and/or replace when the time comes. Mayor Cox asked the Park Committee/Conrad/Tina to put the criteria in a format that can be posted on the town website, such as an application with a checklist of requirements that details the maintenance clause.

Departments

EMS, Fire Council, Library Board, Arts Council and GCSD:

Elizabeth had no updates from the Fire Department. The Fire Council is still working on a proposal to update the Fire Ordinance. The Library is still closed. The Arts Council is moving forward with planning outdoor events for this spring and summer. A new art exhibit is on display at the Community Center through the first week of April. The Arts Council is also planning some pop-up poetry events throughout the month of April to celebrate national poetry month. Regarding EMT's, Taylor has moved and Andy told Mayor Cox that he is still interested in pursuing his license/certification. Elizabeth stated that Donna Owen will be an EMT for another week then there will only be 2 EMT's in

Boulder. She furthered that Garfield County School District (GCSD) is still posting Covid hot spots on the county website. They are opening up little league games and other events.

Cemetery, Buildings, and Travel Council:

Gladys reported that the Travel Council has a limited budget this year. She had nothing to report on the cemetery. Corry spoke to her about the need for a cover for the heating/air conditioning units and porch awning or covering for the west side fire station. She proposed Corry put those in. Mayor Cox asked if she will have Corry submit a plan for the TC to evaluate and approve.

Planning Commission, Roads and GC Planning Commission:

Mayor Cox reported that codification was the main topic. Peg added that at next week's PC meeting there will be a public hearing on the codified ordinances. They will also continue to discuss priority of projects to work with Lee Nellis. Michala gave an update on the RSTR mapping project and numbers of residences. Judy stated that she will install stop signs soon. She will have blue stakes come evaluate prior to moving the stop sign.

Enforcement, Landfill, Towns Grounds and Park Committee:

Conrad talked to Dean about getting the scrap metal moved out of the landfill. He will continue working to identify someone to come haul it away. Mayor Cox asked Conrad to have Corry create a plan for proposed work on the planter areas in the front of the Community Center for the TC to approve.

Mayor:

Mayor Cox expressed appreciation for Ray Gardner's years of service for the town. He reminded the council to complete their conflict of interest forms and submit a copy of their certificates of completion to the clerks. All TC, PC & Board of Adjustment members need to do this. He also reminded the TC to complete their state auditor training.

Clerks - Checks issued for February:

Gladys made a motion to approve the checks. Judy seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Public Comments:

Tina asked the TC to look at their cluster development options to help in the need for affordable housing options. She stated that we are in a situation where the price of land is in conflict with keeping community members. She furthered that affordable housing options are depleted at this point. She'd like the TC to ask the PC about what options

we have as a town. Elena stated that she supports and agrees with Tina and that she would like to see conversation starting around affordable housing options as well. Tina stated that she and Jill are working on a solution to buffer the sound in the middle section of the Community Center. She hopes to have a proposed solution next month.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gladys seconded the motion. It passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.