

April 1, 2020 Town Council Meeting

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Present: Korla, Cookie Schaus, Jamie Skidmore, Jeanne Zeigler, Nancy Tosta,  
Ashley Coombs, Tessa Barkan, Phoenix Bunke, Mark Nelson.

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Pledge of Allegiance

**Approve minutes of March 4th meeting:**

Gladys made a motion to approve the March 4th meeting minutes. Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (SC, GL, EJ)

**Questions and discussion of Ordinance Codification:**

Mayor Cox detailed the proposed changes to the Town Council (TC). There were no questions or comments. There will be a public hearing at the May 6, 2021 meeting.

**Review of 3rd quarter budget (July - March):**

The review was not ready due to the third quarter ending the day before the TC meeting. Judi and Michala will have it ready for the May 6, 2021 meeting. Mayor Cox asked TC to think about upcoming expenses for their departments to add to the budget for 2021-2022. We'll talk more about it in May's meeting.

**Discussion and vote on memorial bench application:**

Mayor Cox asked the TC if they were in agreement about the updated memorial bench application. He then made a motion to accept the application for memorial benches to be placed in the Boulder Town park. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**Continued discussion of Anasazi State Park parking lot expansion proposal:**

Mayor Cox met with Jamie Skidmore and was in touch with engineer Brent Tuttle and expressed the TC's wishes to keep the dumpsters at that location as well as pave the road. They will extend the road to the east, move the dumpster's into an L shape which will still allow for the trash pick up truck to maneuver in and out and they will put three inches of asphalt over the current road base. Additionally, they have included long, vertical parking spaces for oversize vehicles in the expansion plan. Elizabeth asked who

would be responsible for road maintenance in the future. Mayor Cox clarified that if there are any problems caused by additional traffic coming from the parking lot that most likely the state of Utah would remedy the situation, otherwise it is a town road and we will maintain it going forward. Judy asked about potential barricades on the west edge of the parking lot. Mayor Cox stated that there wouldn't be any barricades but there will be No Parking signs posted on Highway 12. Jamie Skidmore confirmed this. Mayor Cox made a motion to approve the Anasazi State park parking lot expansion plan as indicated by the latest documents received. Gladys seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

### **Department Reports:**

#### **Cemetery, Buildings and Travel Council:**

Gladys reported that the Travel Council is hoping that travel will perk up and increase their budget and our town budget. She will remind Corry about preparing a proposal for the TC for a heating/air conditioner cover and an awning for the firehouse door on the west side.

#### **Planning Commission, Roads and Garfield Planning Commission:**

Judy reported that she has been trying to contact Jay Brooks about getting roads patched and filled. She will contact Blue Stakes now that the weather is warmer so she can install the road sign at the cemetery. She reported that she has had a few requests for street signs and she will be working on them this month. She stated that the Planning Commission (PC) discussed ordinances regarding campgrounds and RV parks, the need for affordable housing and the town ordinance and records codification were approved and recommended to the TC. There will be a public hearing in May and then the TC will vote on whether to approve the codified records.

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

Mayor Cox reported that the metal planter boxes in the front of the community center are rotting and Corry has started building a lattice from lava rock to cover/replace the metal boxes. He asked that the TC take a look before the May meeting so everyone is in agreement about whether to continue the work to replace all the metal planter boxes. Conrad reported that the price of steel is going up so hopefully there will be a pick up at the landfill.

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

Elizabeth had no news from the Fire Department, they are down to two EMT's in town, which is taking a toll on them and they are relying heavily on Escalante's EMT's to function on emergency calls. Judith Geil sent a letter giving an update regarding the Fire

Council and where they are with regards to the Boulder risk assessment. They are continuing to work on the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan in conjunction with an Emergency Operations Plan. The Library is still closed. The Arts Council is planning some outdoor summer programs. The Garfield County School District (GCSD) will be having their monthly school board meeting in Boulder on April 15, 2021 at 5pm. Escalante High School art will be in the town community center beginning April 15, 2021. The statewide mask requirement will be lifted in most places on April 10th, however K-12 grade schools will still be requiring masks. They are planning a new elementary school in Escalante.

**Mayor:**

Mayor Cox reported that there will be a mobile Covid-19 vaccination clinic in Boulder on April 15, 2021 at the community center from 11am-1pm. There will be 40 spots available. He asked that everyone spread the word and he will open it up to Escalante residents if the spots are not filled up by Monday, April 5th. He reminded the TC to do their online state training and fill out a conflict of interest form and turn it into the clerks. He furthered that the Boulder Community Alliance (BCA) is planning a Fourth of July event. They are planning to have vendors for food and would like to have a parade on Highway 12 this year. Mayor Cox asked Gladys to assist Judi and Michala with obtaining a permit to have the parade on Highway 12. The BCA has asked the town to budget for \$1500 in the upcoming budget.

**Clerks - Approve checks issued for March:**

Mayor Cox clarified check # 2886 was for Lee Nellis paid in February, \$140.00. Gladys made a motion to approve the checks. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

None

Mayor Cox made a motion to adjourn. Gladys seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.