

Cameron Park Board Meeting
February 28, 2013
5:30 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Al Briggs
Jennifer Helmich
Jason Jones
Matt Jameson – left 6:15
Jamey McVicker

Members Absent:

Michael Teegarden
Kari Teel
Rob Balliett

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director
Steve Garr, Parks Director
Frank Buck
Andy Smith, Larkin Aquatics
Chris Johnson, Cameron Citizen Observer

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Approval of January 24, 2013 Minutes

Mr. McVicker made a request to amend the January minutes. When approving the December 6, 2012 minutes the voice vote should read: On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 1, absent – 1; instead of 8 ayes and 0 abstentions.

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting as corrected by Mr. McVicker; seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Public Participation

None

Treasury Report

There were no comments.

Director/Foreman Report

Recreation Park Lighting

The lighting plan for Recreation Park designed by Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. is almost complete. Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. will also help with restroom design.

Mr. Bontrager presented an updated lighting/restroom layout to the Board.

Daylight to dusk timers will be installed at the restroom facility; however, manual switches will also be available in case they are ever needed. Plug-in outlets and other timers will also be installed for Christmas lights or other events held at the park.

The restroom facility will be open year-round; therefore, the structure will be insulated. The structure will also be partially cooled so there will be a slight temperature difference from the outside heat during the summer. The structure will be cooled heat-pump style to take the humidity out of the air.

The estimated cost for restrooms at Recreation Park is \$50,000. The road alone through Recreation Park will cost approximately \$150,000. Therefore, the restroom project at Beavers Park may be bid out in stages with city crews completing a portion of the work to reduce costs.

Mr. Jameson stated that he would like to bring the focus back to the restrooms at Beavers Park and have the project completed in the near future if possible. The Beavers Park restroom project has been planned for some time and keeps being placed on the back burner.

Mr. McVicker questioned the city crew's work flow and if they would have the time to do the Recreation Park project this summer as planned.

Mr. Bontrager stated the city crews have a heavy workload; however, they will try to begin working on the project as soon as possible and work on the road as time allows.

Mr. Bontrager felt that the Electric Department would work with the City to get the electrical work done as quickly as possible.

The Board stated that they would still like to see the lighting and restrooms at Recreation Park completed by Memorial Day.

Swimming Pool

The YMCA reviewed the 2013 Aquatic Facility Management Agreement and requested a few minor changes before signing the official contract. One change was adding language to the Agreement detailing the timing of the third and final payment. City Staff also added language addressing a potential water shortage and what measures would take place if the swimming pool was not filled.

Mr. Bontrager stated that as of right now, there has been no discussion about not filling the swimming pool.

The YMCA was concerned about committing to opening the swimming pool after the school year starts, due to a lack of available life guards. The Board feels that there is a potential for revenue and the community would appreciate the few extra open weekends in August. After discussion the Board would like to keep the swimming pool open the weekends through Labor Day. The dates of August 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and September 1 and 2 will be added to paragraph 6.

The Parks Staff will maintain the pool during the weeks the pool is closed due to the start of school.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to add the dates of August 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and September 1 and 2 to paragraph 6 in the swimming pool contract; seconded by Mr. McVicker. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Aquatic Facility Planning Work Session

Andy Smith with Larkin Aquatics was present to help the Board continue planning for the swimming pool. Mr. Smith stated that the Board needs to develop a concept plan that includes a capital and operating budget.

The Board listed some of their main focuses for the new aquatic facility. Their top five concerns/goals are listed below:

1. Funding
2. Swim lessons and keeping kids safe
3. A place where the kids want to be
4. Pool with the right specs for swim meets
5. Utilization – make sure the full use of the pool is maximized

Mr. Smith stated that the current concept for the swimming pool is measured at 25 yards. Chairman Gimson stated that the pool should be measured at 25 meters for swim team purposes.

The budgeted cost for the new facility is \$3.1 million dollars. The cost will increase slightly when adjusting for 25 meters instead of 25 yards.

The old bathhouse will be utilized; however, the concessions area will possibly need to be expanded. The bathhouse would be completely renovated to meet ADA standards.

The Board stated that they like the current concept that has been drawn up for a new aquatic facility.

The Board is in agreement that the pool needs to be funded as its own project and not group the funding with another project. After much discussion on the funding options available, an additional sales tax would need to be passed to fund the project.

The current 1/8 cent Parks sales tax is not an option for funding of the pool. The current sales tax needs to be used to continue current parks facilities. The community needs to be on board with the new aquatic facility and vote on an additional sales tax to support the facility.

Mr. Bontrager will conduct some research on funding options for a new aquatic facility.

The Board is in agreement that a new aquatic facility is needed and the concept that has been presented by Larkin Aquatics will best fit the needs of the community.

Mr. Smith will review the bathhouse concept and would like feedback on the lap pool concept.

Chairman Gimson stated that the Park Board needs to guarantee that City Council is on board with the project and willing to support sales taxes for the funding.

Mr. Bontrager will invite the City Council members to the next Park Board pool planning session so they can be informed of the project at hand.

A special meeting of the Park Board has been scheduled for March 21, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjourn

Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.

A special meeting of the Park Board will be held on March 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be 6:00pm on March 28, 2013 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 pm.

*Chris O'Donnell
Secretary Recorder
Cameron, MO 64429*

*Bill Gimson
3/28/13*