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Cameron Park Board Meeting
March 11, 2015
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Jennifer Helmich
Jason Jones
Carrie Sybert – arrive 6:04pm
Kari Teel
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Al Briggs

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr
Mary Jo Eiberger
Chris Johnson – Cameron Newspaper

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of January 11, 2015 Minutes

Ms. Helmich made a motion to approve minutes of the January 11, 2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Approval of January 11, 2015 Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve minutes of the January 11, 2015 executive session; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6 (members Gimson, Helmich, Jones, Sybert, Teel and Whalen), nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1 (Briggs).

Public Participation

None

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bontrager stated that he would have a budget adjustment proposal for review at the next meeting. The purpose for the budget adjustment proposal is needed to finish up small projects from the previous fiscal year.

Director/Foreman's Report

Seasonal Help

Advertisements have been run in the newspaper for seasonal help.

Veterans Memorial

Mr. Bontrager stated that work has begun at the Veterans Memorial. The current bridge will be removed and the low places will be filled in with dirt to help with the drainage problems.

Zack Workman with Lawns Unlimited is helping with the project. Travis Walker with Walker Dozing has donated his time to move the dirt from the new school and fill in the areas that need attention.

Chairman Gimson asked about the flooding that happens in the area and if anything was being done to help decrease the possibility of flooding in the future.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he will check into the problem and see if a tube needs to be installed prior to the dirt work being completed.

Swimming Pool

Chairman Gimson asked Mr. Bontrager to send out the prior evaluation of the aquatic center to the Board.

Andy Smith with Larkin Aquatics will be in attendance at the next meeting to give a presentation of the proposed aquatic facility to refresh the Board on the proposed plans.

Ms. Helmich stated that she would like the City Council members to be invited to the meeting.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he will make sure they are invited.

Park Vandalism

Mr. Bontrager stated that Police Chief Rick Bashor has been informed of the Boards concern with vandalism at Recreation Park.

Rick Bashor has met with the police officers and asked them to keep a closer eye on Recreation Park. He also stated that he cannot keep a police officer at the park at all times; however, if anyone sees something suspicious to call the police department and they will send an officer to the park.

Mr. Whalen asked if individuals were prosecuted if they are caught.

Mr. Garr stated that individuals have been prosecuted the few times they have been caught. Usually the individuals are required to pay restitution fees or complete community service; however, they must be caught first.

Mr. Bontrager stated that a police report is filed on vandalism and insurance claims are filed.

Mr. Garr reassured the Board that all of the appropriate paperwork is filled out.

Mr. Bontrager will ask the City Manager and prosecuting attorney how the process works.

Ice Skating Rink

Mr. Garr stated that City Crews are in the process of taking down the ice skating rink; however, it has turned into a bigger job than expected.

Mr. Garr is still working on where all of the pieces will be stored.

The volleyball equipment will be put up once the ice skating rink is completely dissembled.

Swing Set at Beavers Park

Mr. Garr provided the Board with a quote from Miracle to replace the swing set at Beavers Park. The current swing set is broken in an area that is hard to fix and replacement parts are not available. A new swing set will cost approximately \$2,000.

The new equipment will be four-seat swing set and will replace what is already there.

Mr. Jones made a motion to replace the swing set at Beavers Park with the quote from Miracle; seconded by Ms. Sybert. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.*

Sand Volleyball Tournament

Mr. Garr stated that on June 6, 2015, Aces of Aiden will be holding a sand volleyball tournament at Recreation Park from 8:00am to around 6:00pm.

Mr. Garr will post the tournament at the message box at Recreation Park.

Picnic Tables

Mr. Garr stated that the local 4-H group volunteered to help put together the new picnic tables the previous weekend. A total of eight picnic tables were put together.

Old Business

A: 2015 Pool Management

Mr. Bontrager provided a copy of the previous year's YMCA contract to the Board for review. Items in red were recommended changes for the 2015 contract. The major change to the contract was keeping the aquatic center open from 1:00pm – 8:00pm daily.

Mary Jo Eiberger also made a recommended change that there be an increase in pool party fees for the 2015 season.

Mary Jo Eiberger was in attendance to go over the contract with the Board and answer any questions they may have.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the YMCA Board would not approve the contract with the change in daily hours from 1:00pm -8:00pm without the hour break. She stated that keeping the pool open for the additional hour would increase payroll by approximately \$8,400. She also stated that there were not enough guards to run two daily shifts and they lifeguards would need a break.

Ms. Sybert thanked Ms. Eiberger for the explanation of the closed hour.

Mr. Whalen asked if the YMCA would be willing to open the pool from noon to 7:00pm daily.

Ms. Eiberger stated that she would still run into staffing issues and not having an hour break during the day. She also stated the swim team is usually still using the facility until 12:15pm daily and there are also other activities like swim lessons in the mornings.

Ms. Eiberger stated that she has been discussing with the YMCA board about the frequency of rest periods and only having one rest period in the afternoon.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the way the current facility is laid out, there is a larger demand for guards to keep the area safe.

Chairman Gimson stated that the proposed facility will require less life guards.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the only objection from the YMCA Board was the proposed time frames for daily opening.

Ms. Teel stated that in the future, the YMCA may need to offer paying a portion of the lifeguard fees to help entice kids to lifeguard.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the YMCA would work with kids on a payment plan if they want to lifeguard but cannot afford the upfront costs. She also stated that the biggest issue is scheduling and finding hours that the kids can work. There are many activities that happen during the summer that cause conflicts.

Chairman Gimson made a motion to approve the YMCA contract to manage the aquatic facility for the 2015 swim season with amendments to leave the hours open from 1:00pm – 5:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm daily and increase the cost on pool parties; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the next YMCA Board meeting is March 18, 2015 and she will present the final contract at that time.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the YMCA Board had inquired about giving a 10% discount to YMCA members for the aquatic facility.

Mr. Bontrager checked with the City Attorney and since the aquatic facility is a City facility, offering a discount is considered discriminatory and cannot be offered.

B: Baseball Field Cost Recovery & Use Form

Mr. Bontrager stated that the Baseball Field Cost Recovery & Use Form was sent to the City Attorney and insurance company for review.

The insurance company made a suggestion that the liability insurance requirement be raised to \$2 million dollars on all coverages.

The City Attorney has not report back on his thought yet.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to accept the Baseball Field Form with the change in liability insurance to \$2 million subject to approval by the City Attorney; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

C: British Soccer Camp

Mr. Garr stated that the company who held the British Soccer Camp last year have contacted him and would like to hold the camp again this year.

Mr. Garr recommends that the Board allow them to hold the camp again this year even though it was not as successful as they wanted it to be last year.

The Board recommended going forward with the camp.

New Business

We-Tip Program

Mr. Bontrager stated that the City participates in the We-Tip program which assists in solving vandalism crimes. The program rewards informants up to \$1,000 on convictions of illegal activities. The insurance company provides free posters.

Mr. Bontrager stated that free posters have been ordered and will be placed around the various parks once they are received. He also stated that We-Tip can make reward posters that include pictures of the vandalism.

This program is completely anonymous.

Park Board Members

Tad Pruitt submitted his resignation to the Board due to personal reasons. His resignation is effective this meeting.

Mr. Bontrager stated that advertisements were ran in the newspaper for Park Board Member applications and three were received. There are currently two openings on the Board.

Jamie McVicker's term expires in 2017 and Tad Pruitt's term expires in 2015. All recommendations must go to City Council for approval.

Ms. Teel made a motion to accept Tad Pruitt's resignation; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Discussion on New Members

7:34pm: Chairman Gimson excused himself from the discussion on new Board members due to business relationships.

1st Open position:

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend Cory Brown to City Council to fill the member vacancy on the Park Board; seconded by Ms. Helmich. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 1 (Gimson), absent – 1

Mr. Whalen made a motion to recommend Ruth Hammontree to City Council to fill the member vacancy on the Park Board; seconded by Ms. Teel. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 3, nays – 2 (Jones, Helmich), abstentions – 1 (Gimson), absent – 1.

Miscellaneous

Facebook

Mr. Garr asked what he was to post or not post on the Cameron Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Members of the Board stated that any and all information should be posted on the website so the community knows what is going on; however, personal opinions from Board members should be kept off of the page.

School Baseball Field Rentals

Mr. Whalen asked if any progress has been made on talking with the school on baseball field rentals.

Chairman Gimson stated that nothing has been done yet; however, Matt Robinson knows that the Board wants to have a discussion.

City Council

Chairman Gimson stated that he would like a member from the Board to attend the City Council meeting to answer any questions on the sales tax proposal and any aquatic facility questions.

Adjourn

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on March 26, 2015 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 pm.

Chris Martin

Secretary Recorder

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Bill Ganser
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