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Cameron Park Board Meeting

March 26, 2015

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Al Briggs
Jennifer Helmich
Carrie Sybert
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

Jason Jones
Kari Teel

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr
Mark Gaugh – City Manager
Barbara O'Connor – City Clerk
Dennis Clark – Mayor
Darlene Breckenridge – City Council
Ronnie Jack – City Council
Andy Smith – Larkin Aquatics
Chris Johnson – Cameron Newspaper

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JAREN JONES
4/2/15

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

Approval of March 11, 2015 Minutes

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

Public Participation

Aiden McVicker Charitable Fund

Jamey McVicker representing the Aiden McVicker Charitable Fund and Mike O'Donnell representing the Cameron Chamber of Commerce presented their plans to host an Art, Music, Wine and Spirit Festival this fall in McCorkle Park. The festival would showcase small community businesses and artists and also promote Cameron and the Northwest Missouri area.

The date for the event is September 26, 2015 from noon until 6:00pm.

Mr. McVicker provided a map of what the event will look like to the Board.

The Chamber is supporting the event and helping with advertising and other *business* matters.

The event will be free admission; however, if attendees would like to take part of the wine and spirit portion of the event there will be a small fee.

Mr. McVicker and Mr. O'Donnell asked for the Park Board's endorsement on the festival. They will also

be asking the Economic Development Committee and City Council for their endorsement.

Mr. Whalen asked what kind of *spirits* would be at the event.

Mr. McVicker stated that he already has three commitments and they are still trying to get more.

Mr. McVicker stated that they will be applying to City Council for an alcohol license.

Mr. Whalen asked about advertising the event.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Chamber will be helping with the advertising and other moving parts of the event. I.e. insurance, alcohol license, etc.. The Chamber has an individual on staff to help with the moving parts of the event.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to support the Art, Music, Wine and Spirit Festival; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Treasurer's Report

None

Larkin Aquatics Presentation – Cameron Aquatic Center

Andy Smith with Larkin Aquatics was present to make a presentation on the previous pool evaluation, assessments and recommendations for the Cameron Aquatic Center. Larkin Aquatics are the designers of the existing facility. The Park Board has taken on a proactive approach to the ageing facility and looking to the future of the aquatic center.

Mr. Smith went over the evaluation that was completed on the facility with the Board and audience. Codes were evaluated and the current condition of the facility was reviewed. Mr. Smith went through recommendations based on the assessment of the facility.

The Bathhouse is in good structural shape; however, it is not ADA compliant. There is some small detrition; however, it can be repaired.

A ramp needs to be installed from the bathhouse to the pool area and the pool needs ADA compliant access; i.e. ramp and/or lift.

The pool deck is showing some minor damage and there has been movement at the joints which needs to be addressed. The water slide is also reaching the end of its life.

Mr. Smith stated that to repair what the current facility has, it would cost approximately \$1,050,000. Larkin Aquatics recommends planning for a new facility or replacing certain areas of the current facility.

Repairs to the current facility can happen in different phases. The first phase would be to renovate the bathhouse, replace the wading pool and placing an ADA compliant ramp from the bathhouse to the pool. Phase 2 would be to repair/replace everything else.

To replace the existing facility, the cost would be approximately \$3.3 million.

The new facility would require approximately 10 lifeguards and the operating budget would be approximately \$105,000 for the season.

A repair/maintenance equipment repair fund would also be taken into account for future maintenance and repairs.

Tom Hamlet asked if the \$3.3 million cost for a new facility included both demolition and remodel.

Mr. Smith stated that demolition was included with the price.

Darlene Breckenridge asked how much the project would cost now since the evaluation was completed a few years ago.

Mr. Smith stated that the project would cost approximately \$3.3 million.

Cory Brown stated that spending a large dollar amount on repairs now did not make since to only give the facility an approximate 10 more years of life when it would only cost approximately \$3 million to replace.

Darlene Breckenridge stated that during the presentation, Mr. Smith said the water basin was in good shape; however, the joints were the only thing in need of repair.

Mr. Smith stated that the joints need to be repaired.

A question was also asked as to how much time the repaired joints would last.

Mr. Smith stated that repairing the joints would only buy time.

Darlene Breckenridge asked if the current aquatic facility makes a profit on a yearly basis.

Chairman Gimson stated that the aquatic facility does not make a profit; however, it is an amenity that the City needs.

Mr. Smith stated that the new facility would have additional activities and interests for moms and children < 10 years old. This is the biggest demographic for the facility.

There will also be more activities for older children including slides, water walk, diving boards, etc.

There will also be more use of the pool water area. The lower basin would accommodate smaller swim meets.

Cory Brown stated that the current facility is too big for swim meets and they must construct a "human wall" because the pool is too long. Mr. Brown also stated that the swim team has not hosted a conference meet because of the difficult pool area. The last few times they have hosted the conference meet, the swim team has paid the City of Gladstone to host the meet.

Mr. Brown also stated that the current layout of the aquatic facility slows down the competitors' times.

Mary Jo Eiberger from the YMCA stated that the current facility does not have many amenities for moms and kids in the 3-8 age groups.

Kent Osborn asked how the City/Park Board would raise \$1 million for repairs.

Chairman Gimson stated that it would take approximately 10 years for the 1/8 cent sales tax to generate enough funds for repairs to the current facility. During that time, the sales tax money would solely go to the aquatic facility and no other "park" amenity would be able to be funded during that time.

A member of the audience asked if the City has taken care of the current facility.

Mr. Smith stated that the City has taken very good care of the facility but there is only so much you can do to keep a facility up to date and keep up with repairs over time.

A question was asked as to how long it would take to build a new facility.

Mr. Smith stated that the new facility could be constructed in the off-season and could be open for business in May 2017 if the tax passed. The new facility would be constructed from Labor Day to Memorial Day.

Mayor Dennis Clark stated that the longer the City waits to build a new facility the more it will cost to build new. Right now would be a good time to build since we are living in a low rate environment.

Mayor Clark also stated that people will travel to other towns to use their facilities if the City does not provide something ascetically pleasing to the eye or useable to the public.

Chairman Gimson stated that it will cost a minimum of approximately \$6,000 to get the current facility up and running for the 2015 swim season. The cost could be higher if issues are discovered prior to opening.

Director/Foreman's Report

Three members terms expire at the end of May; Bill Gimson, Kari Teel and the current vacant position to be filled by Ruth Hammontree if approved by City Council.

Chairman Gimson expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Board.

Chairman Gimson will contact Kari Teel to see if she wants to continue serving on the Board.

Mr. Bontrager stated that City Council will vote on Cory Brown and Ruth Hammontree filing the vacant positions on the Board.

Old Business

A: 2015 Pool Management Agreement

Mr. Bontrager stated that the YMCA signed and approved the agreement for the 2015 swim season.

Ms. Sybert made a motion to accept the 2015 management agreement for the aquatic facility with the YMCA; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the contract will go to City Council for final approval on April 20, 2015.

New Business

Budget Adjustment

A budget adjustment needs to be made to the 2015 budget for capital projects that need to be finalized

from last fiscal year and a few items that will be added to this fiscal year budget. A budget adjustment of \$76,000 for the 12-41-275 line item has been requested. Items that will be paid out of the budget adjustment include trash cans at Recreation Park, Completion of Moose Station Playground, volleyball sidewalk and the Beavers Park swing set, to name a few.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to adjust the budget for \$76,000 for the 2015 year for unfinished capital projects; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Miscellaneous

Baseball Fields

Chairman Gimson stated that he would like to consider getting a concept put together on the baseball fields that can be presented to the public. A concept would help present the idea to the community and answer questions they may have.

Mr. Bontrager will contact a company that specializes in baseball field complexes and provide some information at the next meeting.

Chairman Gimson has not had a change to meet with Dr. Matt Robinson on field usage and recouping some of the costs associated with using the fields.

Chairman Gimson also stated that if a new ball field complex is built, the old fields will not go away.

Mr. Garr stated that the baseball fields are currently booked up until mid-July.

Insurance

Mr. Whalen asked about individuals who reserve the soccer and volleyball fields and the insurance requirements.

Mr. Bontrager stated that any organized event would need to provide proof of insurance to the City prior to the event taking place.

Adjourn

Ms. Helmich made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on April 23, 2015 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm.

*Chris Martin
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