

Cameron Park Board Meeting
August 27, 2015
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Jason Jones
Al Briggs
Wendy Copple
Ruth Hammontree
Jennifer Helmich
Richard Whalen

Members Absent:

~~Cory~~ Brown
Carrie Sybert

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director
Steve Garr- Parks Maintenance Foreman

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

Approval of July 23, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Whalen made a motion to approve minutes of the July 23, 2015 meeting; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – (Briggs), absent – 2.

Public Participation

Mayor Clark- New Playground Proposal

Mayor Clark presented a plan for a new 68' x 50' dimension playground located on the School District property adjacent to the upper tennis court/ basketball court area. The School District, Park Board and City of Cameron could pool resources for purchase and construction of the new playground to establish a new identity in Cameron associated with recreation. The current proposal from Miracle is \$151,000.

Chairman Gimson asked Dr. Robinson the targeted age group for the proposed equipment. Dr. Robinson said the age group is third, fourth and fifth grade. Dr. Robinson wanted to let the Board know the School is not requesting the funding, but are interested in partnering to expand what they already have planned. They will have a playground regardless if the City and the Park Board contribute. The School has already budgeted \$100,000 based on a proposal from another vendor.

Further discussion ensued on the breakdown of the total costs, including equipment, installation, site preparation, and surfacing. Dr. Robinson indicated the School maintenance staff would complete the installation, which is listed at approximately \$30,000, and they would not do the surfacing. He also explained they are positive on the location, as they will be eliminating the parking in this area and permanently closing off the access on this road.

Gimson indicated he is willing to cooperate, but would like to know the details of what they are proposing and the exact dollar amount requested.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to table the issue until more details of project and exact dollar amount are determined and presented at the next meeting; seconded by Ms. Hammontree. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Dr. Robinson also wanted to make the Board aware the School District is willing to participate for their usage of the ball fields.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bontrager gave an overview of total revenue collected and expenses for fiscal year, stating they are right on track. He did note there are still outstanding adjustments needed on the revenue such as the FIMP line item, and in the expenses there are the lines of FIMP, capital projects, and transfer to reserve still waiting for the budget adjustment.

A copy of the proposed 2015-16 FY Budget passed at first reading by the City Council and was distributed.

Ms. Helnich
~~Ms. Sybert~~ *made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.*

Director/Foreman's Report

The property damage case to the skate park is continuing to move forward. The total cost of repairs included in the judgment was \$1,790.00. There were two individuals, who were each ordered to pay half.

Steve Rhoads with Vireo and Andy Smith with Larkin Aquatics will be at the October Meeting.

Work at the Veteran's Memorial started Monday. City crews will have to remove the bridge, install a storm drainage pipe, and haul in additional dirt to grade the center area. We are also trying to work with the School to install a six foot wide sidewalk not only on the Veteran's Memorial portion, but in front of the new school and a portion of the High School. The bridge will not be replaced as it was not ADA compliant. Once all the work is complete, Zack Workman of Lawns Unlimited is donating his time, equipment and all material to the Veterans Group to level, seed and mulch the entire area. The School still has to build a sidewalk from the High School parking lot to the Veterans Memorial.

A group of volunteers, led by Pat Jones, painted the bathrooms at the base ball complex.

A request was received to host a Doggie Days at the Pool. This event would be for dogs to swim, after the last day the pool is open to the public. We have only had preliminary discussions with the group at this time. We have discussed the requirements, including providing insurance and notification to the YMCA to provide lifeguards. There will be no people in the pool; therefore, this event could operate with a limited number of guards. Shayla Shipley was actually the individual who brought the idea up and turned it over to Safe Haven. There are still a lot of details left to determine, such as the date, time, and cost. Just need the Board to decide if this is something they would like to allow. We could also offer this as an event hosted by the Parks.

Mr. Garr brought up concerns of limited staff and cleaning the pool is time consuming and recommended closing the pool earlier than the dates outlined in the agreement with the YMCA.

Chairman Gimson reminded the Board they were the ones who were adamant in keeping the pool open through Labor Day and it was the YMCA who was not in favor of the extended weekend season. He also

reminded the Board they have been advertising the pool will be open through Labor Day weekend and should therefore keep our word it will be open.

Discussion continued on the idea of dogs allowed at the pool.

Ms. Helmich reiterated it is a similar situation to the ballfields; they have to have insurance to use the pool and stated she was not in favor of having this event.

Mr. Whalen made a motion to close the pool after this weekend of August 23. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Ms. Copple stated this is a big deal for a lot of people in a lot of communities and we should allow it in an effort to promote community involvement.

Ms. Helmich stated there was not enough information. She wanted to know if the cost of their insurance would outweigh what they would make in profits for a fundraiser.

Chairman Gimson reiterated the Board was only deciding on allowing this type of event if they met all the requirements.

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend allowing a Doggie Days type of event at the pool; seconded by Ms. Copple. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 1 (Briggs), abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

Old Business

Chairman Gimson asked if there was any old business. There was no discussion.

New Business

Swimming Pool – Monthly Attendance Report

The Board reviewed the information provided by the YMCA. The requirements for the second payment have been met and the pay request has been processed.

Mr. Whalen wanted to know if we ever received a concessions report. Mr. Bontrager reported the YMCA provides this information with the year-end report. No further discussion.

Ms. Hammontree left the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm

Park Surveillance Equipment

Mr. Bontrager reported after discussions during the last meeting, they met with North MO Satellite & Security and have developed a plan and received a quote for upgrades at the Soccer Complex and installation of new equipment at Recreation Park. This is the same firm who completed work for the Police Station and City Hall. A price for an upgraded system at the Soccer Complex is included too, as there have been considerable advances in technology since the equipment was initially installed. Mr. Bontrager encouraged the Board, if this is something they would like to move forward with in the amount of \$2,868 at the Soccer Complex and \$3,313 at Recreation Park. Mr. Bontrager further encouraged the Board to wait until next fiscal year and include as an amendment in next fiscal year's budget. The work could still commence this fall. Mr. Jones asked where the equipment would be installed. Mr. Bontrager stated in the new restroom facility. Mr. Bontrager further explained the security and benefits of this location. Mr. Whalen asked if we could obtain a second bid. Mr. Jones asked if we could find a local contractor. Ms. Briggs asked if we could recover some of the cost of the old cameras. Mr. Bontrager stated we would try to sell any item still with value as surplus.

Mr. Jones made a motion to amend next fiscal year's budget to include installation of surveillance equipment at Recreation Park and the Soccer Complex in the amount of \$6,500; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Mr. Bontrager stated he was looking for direction from the Board on continuing with the Master Plan.

The Park Board voted on a budget adjustment for Master Planning Project this past year, but had the planning firm, Vireo; shift their focus on the ballfields / sports complex area instead of the overall master planning. Consequently, there is still a considerable amount of work on this project yet that was not included in next fiscal year's budget.

The consensus of the Board was to make necessary adjustments to continue to move forward with Vireo and the Master Planning Project this upcoming fiscal year.

Chairman Gimson brought up the request from Mr. Garr on closing the pool.

Mr. Bontrager let the Board know that he visited with Mary Jo Eiberger who did express concerns on finding available staff and low attendance numbers. However, she is aware the weekends are part of the agreement and the YMCA will honor the agreement through the end of this season. They would like the Board to consider eliminating the weekends next season. Chairman Gimson also stated he spoke with Mary Jo and she did not request an early closure of the pool and if this is something the Board decides to do, it would be based only on our staffing.

The consensus of the Board was to keep with the current plan and agreement to keeping the pool open weekends through Labor Day.

Public Participation on issues related to the acquisition of funding for the new pool and ball park.

There was no public participation.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Whalen inquired if we were still planning on installing an ice skating rink this winter season. Mr. Bontrager stated there is still a plan to install the ice rink. Mr. Bontrager informed the Board of proposed capital construction plans to install additional sidewalks, drainage and sand in the volleyball and ice rink area.

Mr. Bontrager let the Board know planning is still on-going for the holiday lighting. There is a plan to relocate majority of the lights from McCorkle Park to Recreation Park and boost the radio signal currently at Recreation Park. Mr. Whalen wanted a directive to remove all the lighting after the holiday season.

Mr. Jones informed the Board there is a group planning on a Halloween event on Third Street. Some of the discussion has been ending at McCorkle Park.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on September 24, 2015 at City Hall.

Adjourn

Ms. Briggs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

Bill Gimson
9/24/15