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Cameron Park Board Meeting

September 22, 2016

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Cory Brown

Wendy Copple

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Carrie Sybert

Members Absent:

Ruth Hammontree

Richard Whalen

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Steve Garr– Parks Maintenance Foreman

Annette Bauer – Cameron Newspaper

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

Approval of June 23, 2016 Minutes

A quorum from the June 23, 2016 meeting was not present to approve the minutes. The June 23, 2016 minutes will be placed on the October agenda for approval.

Approval of August 25, 2016 Minutes

Ms. Helmich made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2016 meeting; seconded by Mr. Brown. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions –1 (Briggs), absent – 2.*

Public Participation

City Council member John Feighert addressed the Board and stated that he has only heard positive things about the Park Board and that the community appreciates everything they are doing.

Treasurer's Report

No comment.

Director/Foreman's Report

Bill Pay

The current on-line bill payment system that has been used for individuals wishing to rent the shelter houses and other items at the parks is no longer supported. Amy McVicker researched and found another option for the payments. The new company is called Elavon. There is a one-time set-up fee of \$199 and a reoccurring monthly fee of \$100 with a \$0.09 charge per transaction.

YMCA Reports

The year-end reports were received from the YMCA on the past season's management of the Aquatic Facility. Mary Jo will be placed on the October agenda to give a formal presentation and final report.

Field Usage Agreement

The draft field usage agreement has been emailed to the Superintendent and one of the Athletic Directors; however, there has been no communications back from the School District. The Field Usage Agreement will be placed on the October agenda.

Budget

City Council approved the budget at their prior meeting. The new fiscal year began on September 1 and includes the following capital items in the Park Budget:

- \$20,000 – Park Master Plan
- \$40,000 – Basketball Court located at the Soccer Complex
- \$20,000 – Field #1 infield renovations
- \$35,000 – Replacement of Parks truck
- \$16,000 – Dog play area located at Beavers Park
- \$10,000 – Sidewalk repairs at various parks

Soccer Complex

Randy Curtis Construction will begin work soon on the expansion of the Soccer Complex.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Garr stated that there have been many activities over the past month at McCorkle Park including the Car Show and Crossroads Crush. There was an issue with the bathroom timer. Staff is in the process of fixing the issue.

Softball tournaments are going well and YMCA soccer will begin on Saturday, September 24th.

Mr. Jones asked how the renovations at the ball parks will be paid for as they were not completed in the previous fiscal year.

Mr. Bontrager stated that there will be a budget adjustment and the renovations will be treated as a roll over item.

Old Business

None

New Business

A: Issues related to the Economic Development Sales Tax Initiative

There was a meeting on September 19th between EDOC, City Council and the Park Board. At this time, the Park Board needs to decide how they would like to move forward with funding the aquatic facility.

EDOC has begun working on their end to re-run the economic development tax for improvements in the City. At this time, nothing has been presented to City Council.

Chairman Gimson stated that he would like to discuss the possibility of re-running the tax with EDOC and put together a plan for the future.

Mr. Brown stated that he would also like to sit down with EDOC the possibility during a work session.

Mr. Brown stated that the Board needs to be prepared for the work session and have discussion points to follow so everyone can stay on topic. Mr. Brown would like to see one united front to constructively develop a plan. He does not want to see a split Park Board, EDOC or City Council.

Ms. Helmich stated that there is still the option of asking Council to place the two available 1/8 cent sales tax on the ballot to use for the aquatic facility.

Chairman Gimson stated that he does not want to take away all of the available sales tax options from the City.

Mr. Jones asked about the possibility of a hotel tax and if this would be available.

Quniton Lovejoy stated that there are not enough hotel beds in the community to use a hotel tax.

A member of the public asked if any of the current the sales tax will expire soon and if they will become available in the near future.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the storm sewer tax has 17-18 years before it will expire.

Chairman Gimson stated that the 1/8 cent sales tax does not have a sunset.

John Feighert stated that he spoke to some individuals at a conference about restoring the current facility. Mr. Feighert stated that there are other options and he will provide the Cities information so discussions can be had with them.

Mr. Feighert stated that there are different ways to restore the facility for a cheaper option.

A member of the public stated that there was no issue with the pool until it was placed on the ballot. It was expressed that the economic development tax needs to be presented to the public in a more positive way. All three groups (Park Board, EDOC and City Council) need to figure out a way to work together and present accurate information as a united front.

Mr. Brown asked about the possibility of posting public meetings on Facebook.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he would check into the possibility.

Ms. Briggs asked Mr. Feighert if himself and other supporters of the "No" vote would be willing to sit down and talk through the issues surrounding the opinion.

Mr. Feighert stated that he will not vote for the tax if it is a joint effort with EDOC. EDOC did not have a plan and he would like to know where the money is going.

Mr. Feighert stated that there is a great sum of money sitting in the City's electric fund. He suggested that the Park Board borrow the money from the City and pay it back over time to fund a new aquatic facility.

It was also mentioned that the YMCA raised a lot of money and Mr. Feighert would like to ask the YMCA for their input on how it was raised and use that concept to raise money for the facility.

Mr. Jones stated that the Park Board has asked the community for input and ideas multiple times and no input has been received.

Chairman Gimson stated that a plan needs to be put into place.

Mr. Brown stated that the Board needs to discuss options with EDOC and put together a plan to put the tax on the ballot.

Mr. Brown stated that there would need to be a constructive discussion without arguments.

After discussion, the Board decided to have a joint work session with EDOC, City Council and Park Board on October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm to discuss the economic development tax.

Mr. Brown will put together an agenda and various topics to discuss. Mr. Brown will also contact Pam Ice so EDOC can be involved in the topics placed on the agenda.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjourn

Ms. Briggs made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on October 27, 2016 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:46 pm.

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