

**Cameron Park Board Meeting**

October 27, 2016

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

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**Members Present:**

Chairman – Bill Gimson  
Al Briggs  
Wendy Copple  
Carrie Sybert  
Richard Whalen

**Members Absent:**

Cory Brown  
Jennifer Helmich  
Jason Jones  
Ruth Hammontree

**Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director  
Steve Garr  
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 December agenda for approval.

**Approval of September 22, 2016 Minutes**

A quorum from the September 22, 2016 meeting was not present to approve the minutes. The September 22, 2016 minutes will be placed on the December agenda for approval.

**Public Participation**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

No comment.

**Director/Foreman's Report**

**Soccer Complex**

The concrete pad has been poured at the Soccer Complex. Randy Curtis Construction plans to begin construction in December.

**Ball Field Committee**

The Ball Field Committee met with the School District. A field usage agreement draft will be available soon for the Board to review and discuss.

### **Christmas Lighted Parade**

The Christmas Lighted Parade will be held on November 26, 2016 starting and ending in Recreation Park. The lights will be installed in Recreation Park within the next few weeks.

### **Missouri Community Betterment Award**

Cameron was the proud first place winners of the Missouri Community Betterment Award in the largest population group and that grand prize winner for the State of Missouri. Mary Jo Eiberger stated that the judges were very impressed with the volunteers in Cameron and the support of the Community, City and Chamber of Commerce. A letter from Jack Briggs was given to the Board.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was discussed as the November/December meetings are usually combined. The Board set the tentative date for December 8, 2016. Mr. Bontrager will check the date with everyone and confirm via email.

### **Ice Rink**

Mr. Whalen asked when the ice skating rink would be installed.

Mr. Garr stated that he would most likely wait until mid-December, depending on the temperatures for a time frame to install.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Whalen asked about the vandalism issues at the parks and how the investigations are going.

Mr. Bontrager stated that Mr. Garr was able to provide footage to the police department and they are still looking into the problems.

### **New Business**

#### **A: Issues related to the Economic Development Sales Tax Initiative**

Mr. Bontrager stated that Mr. Jones and Ms. Helmich are interested in looking into a recreation tax before moving forward.

Mr. Whalen asked about privatizing the pool and if this would be more costly or effective way to fund the pool.

Chairman Gimson stated that selling the aquatic facility could be difficult to do due to the current issues and the loss of revenue that is expected every year.

Mr. Whalen stated that there are other opportunities that can be explored before signing up with EDOC.

The Board suggested having another public meeting to discuss the ideas brought up at the last work session in more detail.

Chairman Gimson suggested that the Board look into a recreation district and gather more information.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the legislature would have to pass the district and the set-up would be like other taxes. This is a possibility; however, the City would need to have both County and State approval. Cameron would have to have three (possibly 4) Counties approve the tax.

Ms. Briggs asked about using CDBD Funds.

Mary Jo Eiberger stated that she is not aware of CDBG Funds being used for pools. The funds could possibly be used for *therapy*; however, it is very competitive and does not generate a lot of money.

## **B: YMCA Aquatic Facility Year-End Report**

Mary Jo Eiberger presented the 2016 Aquatic Facility report.

Ms. Eiberger stated that the season started cold and quickly became hot. Attendance was down from 2015. This could be contributed to the cool days throughout the summer. Due to the decrease in attendance, revenue was down from 2015.

Program supplies were over budget during 2016. Ms. Eiberger stated that rescue tubes were purchased as they were needed. They were expensive but should last and not need to be replaced for a few years.

Depending on Missouri labor laws slated to be passed, the minimum wage increase could increase wages by \$2,000 for the 2017 season.

Due to the contract between the Park Board and YMCA, the YMCA absorbed the \$6,856 loss from the 2016 season.

The YMCA requested to be considered to manage the pool for the 2017 year.

## **C: Park Valley Restroom Bid**

Bids were opened for the Park Valley Restroom improvements. One bid was submitted from Kramer Contracting Company, LLC out of Jamesport. The base bid was \$136,740 and with alternates the total was \$139,640. The Board's estimated cost of construction was \$80,000.

The engineer's estimate for new construction and demo of the old building was around \$150,000; however, the City is in discussions with the contractor to see if there are items that can be modified or reduced to bring the improvements within reason. The contractor stated that they cannot do the improvements for less than \$100,000.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the high cost could be due to the season and cost of goods at this time.

Four to five other contractors have been contacted and they are all currently busy and worried that the time frame for construction would be challenging. Waiting to begin construction until the spring would be more feasible. Bidding for spring/summer work may allow for more bids and better prices.

Construction in the spring would cause the field to go without restrooms and concessions. It was suggested that for one season, port-a-pots be rented and a tent used for concessions so the structure can be built at a much lower cost.

Mr. Bontrager recommends rejecting the submitted bid and looking at different options.

Chairman Gimson agreed with rejecting the bid. Spring may bring better prices. The improvements could be completed during the boy's season as it would be more convenient for them than the girls.

Mr. Whalen asked if the City had a list of contractors to reach out to.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the City does have a list of contractors. The City's website notifies the contractors via email of current bid options.

*Ms. Sybert made a motion to reject the bid from Kramer Contracting Company, LLC and restart the bid process; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 4.*

Mr. Bontrager will reach out to the architect and discuss how the design can be paired down to save money.

**Miscellaneous**

**Dog Park**

Chairman Gimson stated that he was asked why the dog park was not currently being built.

Mr. Bontrager stated that bids need to be advertised for the fence and it is also hard to sod and seed grass in November.

Chairman Gimson agreed that he would like to wait and complete the dog park the right way as time allows.

**Batting Cages & Miniature Golf**

Mr. Garr stated that Dan Earley has backed out of the option presented earlier this fall for the City to open and run the batting cages and miniature golf course.

**Adjourn**

*Mr. Whalen made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes - 5, nays - 0, abstentions - 0, absent - 4.*

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2016 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:46 pm.

*Chris Martin*

*Secretary Recorder*

*Cameron, MO 64429*

*Bill Gimson*  
*1/26/17*