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Cameron Park Board Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2018
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

OK
Jason Jones
11/29/18

Members Present:

Chairman – Jason Jones
Al Briggs
Jennifer Helmich – left 7:10pm
Richard Whalen
Bill Gimson
Cory Brown
Wendy Copple

Members Absent:

Ruth Sears
Carrie Sybert

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager
Steve Garr
Tara Wallace – Cameron Newspaper

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

Approval of August 23, 2018 Minutes

Page 1: Item Members Present: Wendy Copple was not in attendance at the September 27, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2018; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

1. Public Participation

A: Jack Briggs with the Cameron Area Arts Council asked the board to waive the fee to rent the park for events. Briggs stated the Cameron Area Arts Council charge no entry fee, as all events are free to the public. When the Chamber backed out of the 4th of July events the Arts Council took them over. They currently hold 25-30 events a year.

Chairman Jones stated the item will be on the agenda at the next meeting for discussion.

B: Richard Riddell expressed interest in helping with the Cameron Pool as it is on its last leg of usage. He stated he would like a copy of the plan that was proposed to the City Council. Mr. Riddle stated he would like to be educated on past events and will attend City Council meetings.

Chairman Jones stated Bontrager has a copy of the last proposal. He also stated the pervious Mayor opened up to the community asking for citizens to advise a plan for the pool, a plan was not determined. The new ball park is the main priority for the Park Board and the pool is second due to the matter of funding. The Park Board has tossed around the idea of another Economic Development tax and hotel tourism tax. The Park Board is happy to talk with anyone who has new ideas.

2. Treasurer's Report

No comment

3. Director/Foreman's Report

A: Marchfest

Marchfest took place on October 20 with 22 bands in attendance and approximately 2,000 students.

B: Soccer Complex

Mr. Garr stated blankets will be put down on the soccer fields as soon as the Cameron Soccer Club season ends. These blankets will help speed up the growth of the grass as there is very little left on the fields.

C: Miscellaneous

The board was advised of a homeless person that has been living in the McCorkle Park bathrooms; this has been an ongoing issue. The police have been contacted and the situation is being addressed.

4. New Business

A: YMCA Year End Swimming Pool Report

Mary Jo was not able to attend and will be rescheduled for a different time.

B: Christmas Lighting Festivities

Christmas festivities are a main priority as November 24 is quickly approaching. Old Fashion Downtown Christmas is this year's theme. Events will be held on Saturday November 24 with the parade beginning at 5:00pm and the lighting ceremony at McCorkle Park to follow at 6:00pm. You can donate a can food item to the Canned Food Drive for a chance to win a ticket to flip the switch to turn on the Christmas lights. The next meeting for this event will take place Friday November 9 at 1:30pm at City Hall, more volunteers are needed.

5. Old Business

None

6. Miscellaneous

Mr. Whalen asked what the plans are for the ice skating rink this year.

Mr. Garr stated the rink will not be going up as of now, but he will continue to monitor the weather.

7. Executive Session

The board entered into Executive Session. Please see attached minutes.

Adjourn

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for November 29, 2018 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39pm.

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