

**Cameron Park Board Meeting**  
Thursday, February 28, 2019  
6:00 pm  
Cameron City Hall

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**Members Present:**

Chairman – Jason Jones  
Richard Whalen  
Al Briggs  
Carrie Sybert  
Bill Gimson  
Jennifer Helmich  
Ruth Sears  
Cory Brown

**Members Absent:**

Wendy Copple

**Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager  
Steve Garr

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

**Approval of August 23, 2018 Minutes**

Ms. Helmich made a motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2018; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

**1. Public Participation**

None.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

None.

**3. Director/Foreman's Report**

**Drew Bontrager**

Someone has vandalized the soccer complex. The Police Department has been contacted and they are working on leads.

The Electric Department installed a double head light at the soccer field and really helped light the south parking lot. They are also working on redesigning the electrical in McCorkle Park.

A local student received a \$300 living to serve grant from the FFA. The grant will help fund a community event called Walk & Wag. The event will be in conjunction with the City on May 4. Preliminary plans for this community event include activities and lunch at the Dog Park, possible 5k. More information will be available next month.

The City of Cameron is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. July 4<sup>th</sup>; Rotary Breakfast, CRMC Fun Run, baby show, Veterans Tribute and band performance, Little Mr. & Mrs. Contest, Parade, Free Swim,

Concert and Fireworks display. July 5<sup>th</sup>; BBQ cook off, Car Show, Beer Garden and Square Dancing. July 6<sup>th</sup>; kids cook off, Art and Wine tasting walk, kiddie paddle pull, cake walk, karaoke and Fire Fighters Rodeo. Plans are not yet finalized.

New City Manager started this week.

Working with Ability KC again this season to provide job opportunities for local qualifying youth.

#### **Steve Garr**

There vandalism at the soccer field created a significant amount of damage to the turf. Parks workers were able to work some of the ruts out. The field will need to be reseeded this spring.

Cameron Soccer Club and YMCA should be practicing already, however the weather has delayed that.

Electric heaters have been added to the soccer field bathrooms.

Steve continues to take needed certifications, CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) and CERT (Certified Parks and Recs Certification).

#### **4. New Business**

##### **A: Pool Management Agreement**

Drew stated at the November meeting the YMCA requested an increase in fees. The board requested we review other bids.

USA Pools were the only ones to respond. Few things they offer include; training of the life guards, maintenance of the pool, marketing tools, and longer pool hours. Quote was \$66,890.

Chairman Jones asked what the YMCA requested.

Drew stated the YMCA requested \$21,000 and they also keep the revenue

Drew stated we pay the YMCA a flat \$21,000 and they are responsible for all staffing expenses, operational expenses, office and janitor supplies, advertising and training. The City is responsible for the utilities and the purchase of the chemicals.

Mr. Whalen stated USA Pools would be open for longer periods of time, run more advertisement and will be ran more professionally

Ms. Sybert asked how USA Pools will find more staff when we currently cannot

Mr. Garr stated they would possibly pull staff from other facilities

Mr. Whalen stated with the location of Cameron, USA Pools is not close to us for an operational situation, which is a concern

Mr. Garr stated that his department does spend a bulk of their time maintaining the pool. He stated USA Pools may make us upgrade to a current system

Mr. Brown stated what does the pool revenue do for the YMCA, could this make them unstable

Mr. Whalen stated additional time needs to be spent on the financial situation. Mr. Whalen asked Steve to gather man hours and money spent from the City to maintain the pool

Chairman Jones stated pros and cons need to be deciphered, the community receives a lot of value from the YMCA. Due Diligence was completed to review comparisons of other companies. This is the first time a proposal has come back in a while. Need to gather figures and sit down with the YMCA and maybe reconstruct the contract.

- \$53,000 Revenue \$ stream to the YMCA for the pool (B) 3/28/19

Drew asked what day should we open the pool. Typically it opens the last day of school, this year is May 31. Traditionally the pool is open memorial weekend however this year school is extended due to the snow days.

Park Board stated we will open the pool May 25–27 (as long as staffing is available). We will then open the pool daily starting June 1 and closing on August 10.

#### **B: Dog Park**

Drew stated the City is looking at a few ideas for shade at the dog park. They are working with Animal Control to see if there are donations or fundraisers to help raise additional money for shade and equipment.

Mr. Whalen asked if the dog park was being used

Drew stated we can confirm with animal control on how much it is being used

#### **C: Resignation**

Drew stated Chris Martin has stepped down from Secretary for the Park Board; however she will fill in when needed. Kathy Hahn will be the permit Secretary as long as the board agrees

Park Board stated they are okay with Kathy Hahn being Secretary

#### **5. Old Business**

None.

#### **6. Miscellaneous**

Ms. Sears stated March 28 will be her last meeting.

#### **7. Executive Session**

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

#### **Adjourn**

Ms. Sybert made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is March 28, 2019 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:31pm.

Katherine Hahn  
Secretary Recorder  
Cameron, MO 64429

*Bill Gensler*  
3/28/19