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Cameron Park Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2019
6:00 pm
Cameron City Hall

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JASON JONES
7/25/19

Members Present:

Matt Arndt
Richard Whalen
Al Briggs
Wendy Copple
Jennifer Helmich
Chairman – Jason Jones
Carrie Sybert

Members Absent:

Bill Gimson
Cory Brown

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager
Steve Garr
Steve Rasmussen

Chairman Jason Jones called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Approval of May 23, 2019 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

1. Public Participation

None.

2. Treasurer's Report

None.

3. Director/Foreman's Report

Drew Bontrager

The ADA swing installation project is moving along. The turf is scheduled to be put in the end of June and concrete sidewalk connections and dirt work is scheduled for the first of July. Weather permitting, we will be able to seed and hydromulch the first of July. Once a firm closing time is determined we will reach out to those who donated for a grand opening celebration.

The Rotary Club was successful with their \$40,000 grant to install a fishing "dock" at Sunrise Lake off of Reservoir Road.

July 23 – Church group civic day paint shelter

Soccer fall usage is packed. Teams are working with Steve to schedule football and soccer practice/games.

Parks still receiving some comments on basketballs rolling close to the street at the Soccer Complex court. To install a matching 100' x 10' tall black fence, set in concrete; on the east side, would cost \$6,450. There would be about \$1,000 in concrete work. Discussion held.

Chairman Jason Jones asked if bushes and trees could be planted along the way as it may look better than a fence.

Drew stated he will explore the option to use landscaping instead of building another fence.

Steve Rasmussen

Steve presented to the board a Budget Cycle.

Item B: Economic Development Tax

The Economic Development Tax (½ cent) could be used for the pool, ball fields and Griffin Road.

Mr. Rasmussen stated there is a small window to get the sales tax in and to be on the November Ballot. It will need to be before City Council no later than August 27.

Item A: Crossroads

Mr. Rasmussen stated the Crossroads Correctional Center will be closing one of their buildings. This will be revenue the City will not be receiving in their budget. When Crossroads close the City of Cameron will lose \$1.2 million dollars in utility funds. The council believes a rate increase of 15% will happen.

Mr. Rasmussen stated if the council acts on a 15% rate increase on September 3, 2019 it will be difficult to vote on the ½ cent Economic Development Tax at the same time.

Mr. Rasmussen stated the City Council has asked him to begin educating the public on the inevitability of a rate increase. He is asking the Park Board to work on the Economic Development Sales Tax and to get the public behind the tax.

4. New Business

A: Park Valley Sale

Drew stated the Cameron School Board will take over Park Valley once the contract is signed. City Council will need to approve the sale. The sale is \$450,000. The agreement is for 3 equal payments of \$150,000. The first of three payments will be due upon closing with the following payments due in February 2020 & 2021.

The school district will leave all three fields and will allow the YMCA to use the fields at no cost for three years. There will be no additional fee for recreational use and the YMCA using the fields.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to vote on the sale of Park Valley as per the agreement between the following; School Board, City Council and Park Board; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

B: 2018 – 2019 Budget Adjustment

Drew stated an official budget adjustment is needed to include this year's capital items in the budget; such as the ADA swing set installation, design of the Beavers Park parking lot, large trees, etc. Moving forward finance has recommended the park board includes the total revenue received for capital as a shown expense for capital.

Discussion held.

Ms. Copple motion to approve the 2018 – 2019 budget expense adjustment to show \$165,000 in capital improvements and offset revenue of \$150,000 from the sale of Park Valley; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

C: 2019 – 2020 Budget Approved

The Board asked why there was a drop in SURTAX & I.R.U Taxes for the 2019 – 2020 budget year. Discussion held. Drew stated he will get back to the board with an answer.

Mr. Whalen motioned to table the 2019 – 2020 budget to review in detail; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 7, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

D: Discussion New Park Land Development

Matt Arndt presented a 3D model presentation to the board showing the property as it is now.

Austin Johnson and Paul Neukirch with Bartlett & West Engineering were present for questions. A proposal will be available for the next meeting.

E: Discussion on Funding options new Park Land

Funding options include; Economic Development Sales Tax, Recreational Tax (house in Clinton County) and a General Funds Sales Tax. Discussion held.

Chairman Jason Jones stated promoting to the community and explaining the tax in a way that is understandable is important.

5. Old Business

Matt Arndt stated when he attended his first meeting the Board spent time talking about the vandalism happening in the park bathrooms. Mr. Arndt stated he discovered an FYI text line. This allows a citizen to text/email a line to let the Parks & Recreation crew know, in a timely manner, that the bathroom has been vandalized. Discussion held.

Drew stated the notification will need to be set up like an email.

Mr. Arndt stated a few options are available and he can look into them for more detail. An email address, text line number or a QR code can be available for the public to use to send out the message.

6. Miscellaneous

None.

7. Executive Session: Real Estate [RSMo 610.021 (2)]

Ms. Copple moved to go into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Ms. Sybert seconded the motion. Motion passed with the following roll call vote. Park Board Members: "Aye" Matt Arndt, Richard Whalen, Al Briggs, Wendy Copple, Jason Jones, Jennifer Helmich, and Carrie Sybert. "Nay" none. Absent: Bill Gimson and Cory Brown.

The Board entered into Executive Session.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Copple 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 is July 25, 2019 at 6:00pm at City Hall. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.