

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Cameron Park Board
September 23, 2010
City Council Chambers, Cameron, Missouri

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Rob Balliett
Matt Jameson
Jennifer Helmich
Al Briggs
Krista Helton
Phil Robinson
Matthew Archibald

Members Absent:

Dr. Alan Lovejoy

Others Present:

David Watson~ City Manager
Drew Bontrager~ Public Works Director
Steve Garr~ Parks Foreman

Rob Balliett made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26th, 2010 Meeting; seconded by Al Briggs; Approved unanimously

Item 2. Public Participation

There was none

Item 3. Treasurer's Report

Handed out and reviewed.

- Final payment of \$5,000 was made to the school for the turf on the football field.
- Budget for the next fiscal year was handed out for review.
- Missouri Sunshine Law brochures handed out to new Board Members.
- Soccer Field irrigation is moving forward and included in next year's budget.

Item 4. Director/Foreman Report

- Colby Scroggins~ Eagle Scout~ has completed his project at McCorkle Park. This included redoing the floor, cleaning all old cabinets, and building 2 new planters at the Firemen's Memorial.
- Grade work will begin at the ball fields as soon as weather permits.

Item 5. Swimming Pool Report

- Repairs will begin as soon as weather permits.

Item 6. Skate Park Discussion

- Vandalism in the restrooms
- Surveillance cameras should be set up within the next week.

Item 7. Old Business

There was none.

Item 8. New Business

Presentation of Proposed Community Center locations~ David Watson~ City Manager
Mr. Watson stated that there would be a ½ percent sales tax increase placed on the upcoming ballot. One-quarter percent would be allocated for storm water with the other ¼% for recreation.

Mr. Watson explained the possibility of a Recreation Building being built in Cameron which would be partially paid for by the ¼ percent received from the sales tax increase.

USDA has been approached for a possible grant for the Recreation Building. This grant is still being pursued by the City. USDA cannot give grants to a City “directly” it will only allow grants to non-profit organizations. A non-profit organization has been formed which will include 5 members of the City Council along with Bill Gimson and Al Briggs from the Park Board. The USDA also requires a management agreement with “someone” to run the recreation building. Since the Recreation Building would be built with “public funds” a public entity would have to run the facility. Entities that could possibly run the building will be discussed at the next City Council Meeting.

City Manager Watson explained the building would be a 3 story structure~

Walkout basement~ storage area and tornado safety area

Main Floor~ gym, locker room, therapy pool, administrative offices and child watch area

Third Floor~ walking track and weight room

Mr. Watson explained the proposed sites that were currently being looked at for the Recreation Building and the details of each location.

Site #1 ~ The current Recreation Park location

- Property already owned by the City of Cameron.
- Would put all recreation areas in same location (swimming pool, ball fields, tennis courts, and gyms).
- Would add a 4th gym in the area which would allow more tournaments to be held in Cameron bringing in more people and more revenue.
- Utilities are already in place.
- Playgrounds, sand volleyball, and large shelter house would need to be relocated.

Site #3 ~ McElwain Drive and Harris St. (next to reservoirs)

- Thirty-eight acres adjacent to property already owned by the City of Cameron.
- Water is located to the right of the property.
- The location will also allow room for additional ball fields, shelters, walking trails and possibly Frisbee golf course

Mr. Watson asked for Park Board approval to get an appraisal on the piece of property and report back to the Park Board with the result.

Site #5~ (Burlington) Between A Hwy and NE 355th Street

3 parcels of land with 2 owners

- 61 acres total
- Near airport

Mr. Watson also went on to explain that for a Community the size of Cameron, there was not enough Park/Recreation area owned and therefore, the City was looking to purchase additional land for future use.

Mr. Watson explained to the Park Board that they will be asked to put site #1 Recreation Park and Site #5 Burlington on the next ballot.

Mr. Watson stated that he would like the Park Board approval to research site #5 further

- If it can be purchased
- Selling price
- Appraisal

Chairman Gimson stated that he felt these sites were a good idea and worth researching further.

Motion to allow City Staff to pursue Site #1 and Site #5 with the option to survey made by Rob Balliett; seconded by Al Briggs; Approved unanimously

Item 9. Miscellaneous

There was none.

Item 10. Adjourn

Phil Robinson made a motion to adjourn; Al Briggs seconded; approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Ellie M. Wenzel

Secretary Recorder

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