

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2009

The Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Services conference room. Board members present were Sherri Bowden, Claude Clifton, Phil Gage, Lawayne Harris, Charles Maciel, and Melvin Martin. Absent was Petty Hunter. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Asst. Director; Kelly Messer and Dan Santee, Legal Department; Dave Hand, and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Mayor Norm Archibald stated that he would like to thank each member and welcomed them to the new board. Stating that the final decision to not purchase Diamondback was made by the City Council and the recommendation to develop an Advisory Board to help understand and promote golf as a municipal service to the Citizens of Abilene. The seven Board members were recommended by the Mayor and approved by City Council. You will have the opportunity to evaluate, study and consider everything that goes into the running of the Municipal Golf Course. Any information needed to make those decisions will be provided. Several physical things have already been identified for improvement. If there were any sense of urgency about an item, it would be the contract, since last October we began making a subsidy payment of \$6000 through September 2009 to the Golf corporation that is currently under contract. The rate structures, that could be or should be the right rates for the type of course at Maxwell can be considered. Also, take in consideration the people that would come and be patrons of the Golf Course. Can we change the rate or something that would allow more cash flow, so that we do not feel like we have to continue the subsidy payment? The question of continuing the subsidy is of importance. The end result would be that we would provide the best Municipal Golf. The Golf Course was previously under the Parks Board; effective in March it was separated and the new board will report directly to City Council. Another item of discussion is that, it has been determined that the Golf Course is not Park Land and that alcohol may be sold at this venue with proper zoning..

Mike Hall called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Dan Santee.

Briefing by City Attorney regarding the Texas Open Meetings and Open Records Act and the Rules of Order and Procedure for the MGCAB: Dan Santee stated that Kelly Messer will be the legal advisor for this board. This Board is a public board and is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act. Each member will be required (if not already completed) to take both of the one hour courses and will need to be completed within 90 days. A certificate will need to be kept on file at the City Secretary's office.

Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of Rules of Order and Procedure: Rule of Order and Procedure will need to be adopted. The rules recommended are the same as several other boards; changes were made to accommodate this board. The Chair and Vice Chair will need to be elected today as well as a meeting date and time. These will need to be adopted in order to continue with the meeting. Melvin Martin made a motion to accept the Rules of Order, Phil Gage seconded the

motion. With all in favor, the Rules of Order were accepted.

Discussion and possible action regarding the assignment of staggered terms for the initial MGCAB members: Dan stated that it is recommended to stagger the terms so that all members terms will not expire at the same time. Two individuals will need to serve one year, two serve two years and three serve three years. Melvin Martin and Claude Clifton will serve the one-year term. Charles Maciel and Petty Hunter will serve the two-year term. Phil Gage, Sherri Bowden and Lawayne Harris will serve the three-year term. Charles Maciel made a motion to accept the terms designated. Lawayne seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of Chair and Vice Chair: Melvin Martin nominated Phil Gage as Chair. Melvin Martin made a motion to accept the nomination, Lawayne seconded the motion. With all in favor, Phil Gage was elected Chair.

Claude nominated Lawayne Harris as the Vice Chair. Claude Clifton made a motion to accept Lawayne as Vice Chair, Phil Gage seconded the motion. With all in favor, Lawayne Harris was elected Vice Chair.

Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of regular meeting date and time: Mike Hall stated that we could set a date, with the option to call a special meeting date. The first Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. will be the date of regular scheduled meetings, as stated in the Rule of Order.

Briefing by staff regarding the existing Maxwell management contract: Mike stated that the Fifth Amendment to the contract states the information regarding the discontinued payment to the City and the supplement payment. The current contract is a 10-year contract; we are currently in the 5th year. Effective October 1, 2009, if no other changes are made the original contract will be reinstated. The original contract states that in year six the West Texas Golf Systems will pay the City of Abilene 4% of gross profits.

Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed fee increase requested by the current Maxwell operations manager: Mike Hall stated that the board might want to study the issue before making a decision and designating a sub-committee to review rates and make a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Charles asked if the board could call an executive committee. Kelly Messer stated that we could not call an executive session, and recommended that a sub-committee be designated. Charles Maciel, Claude Clifton and Lawayne Harris were assigned to the sub-committee. The sub-committee will meet and make recommendation on rate structure.

The board asked for information from Dave Hand regarding number of employees, participation reports and items that need repaired.

Dave Hand stated that the rates are different on each course and he will be able to help with information needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.