

## MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2009

The Municipal Golf Course Advisory Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in the Health Department's conference room. Board members present were Phil Gage, Sherri Bowden, Claud Clifton, Petty Hunter, Lawayne Harris, and Melvin Martin. Absent was Charles Maciel. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Asst. Director; Dave Hand, and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Phil Gage called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Lawayne Harris moved that the minutes of the, July 15, 2009 meeting be approved. Petty Hunter seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Review and possible action on amending the Golf Contract to continue the \$6,000 per month fee and waiver of gross rents:** The sub-committee reviewed information regarding the continuation of the amended contract. Petty Hunter spoke in regards to committee's recommendation. Petty stated that after reviewing information the committee recommends that the City of Abilene continue the \$6,000 a month payment to West Texas Golf Systems with the exception of applying up to \$2,000 of the money to the past due water bill with the City of Abilene and the remaining \$4,000 sent to Maxwell. The committee also reviewed other cities on the amount of money they are paying out of the cities budgets to assist with Golf Courses. Lawayne asked if the past due water bill could be forgiven and still deduct the \$2,000 a month and applied to the \$42,000 water debt. Mike stated that all Parks are charged the same rate; even if the City runs the Golf Course, we would have to pay the same rate. Melvin Martin made a motion to extend the amended contract for one year with the changes noted to apply up to \$2,000 to past due water bill. Petty Hunter seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Update on irrigation improvements at Maxwell Golf Course:** Mike stated that the advertising to receive bids will be done this weekend and bid opening will be September 10, and recommendation should go to Council September 24.

**Review and possible action on current discounts for food and merchandise:** Phil stated that the discounts would be discontinued to all customers except the ones that have a contract currently in effect. Phil also stated that he would like to start the process on being able to sell alcoholic beverages, so that it would be in effect by next year.

**Review July Operations (rounds paid, revenue/losses since rate increase):** Phil stated that rounds played were down compared to last year. Dave feels that the weather and the economy had a lot to do with the rounds being down. Petty asked if they felt like the price increase caused rounds to decrease. Dave feels like that the new price did not cause any numbers to be down from history. Phil asked Dave how did the Junior Golf Camp

compare to last year. Dave stated that there were 68 kids this year and about 60 last year. Dave stated that many of the parents said they enjoyed the camp and appreciated Maxwell hosting the camp. Melvin asked if groups usually went back and forth between different courses. Dave said that they usually did not. He stated several groups that had left are now back at Maxwell.

Phil stated that he felt advertising would be a benefit. Sherri stated that she could send out letters to local charities. Melvin recommends that we send out invitations to come see the course. Sherri also recommended that they were given a free pass to play.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.