

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, Julie Napier, James Smith, and Leroy King. Absent were Terry Johnson and Toney Gutierrez. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Assistant Director; Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary. Special guests Joe Humphrey and Charlie Wolfe.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Gail Russey moved that the minutes of the July 13, 2010, meeting be approved. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Consider Abilene School District request to exchange 1.558 acres of school property to Bowie School for 1.558 acres of Park property at Bowie Park as shown on Exhibit A:** Mike Hall informed the Board that the Abilene Independent School District has made a request to exchange park land for school property. Mike Hall introduced Joe Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey stated that prior to 1957 the property was owned by the City, in 1957 the school broke away from the City and the school property was deeded to the school. Bowie school site was split between school property and City property. The current plan is to leave the current building and add a structure to that building. The land that is best suited for the building is City property. The school district is requesting to swap land. A map is attached showing land that would be exchanged. Gail Russey made a motion to recommend to City Council that the exchange be approved, Julie Napier seconded. All in favor the motion passed. Notation: James Smith abstained from voting due to his position with the school district.

**Johnson Park and Sea Bee Park Development update:** Tony Neitzler stated that the construction did begin on Johnson and Sea Bee Park. Johnson Park will remain closed until the completion of the project due to safety issues; Sea Bee Park will remain open. The boat ramp will close when construction begins.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.