

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2015

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Leigh Black and Jeff Goodin. Members not present were Robyn Wertheim, Gary Grubbs, and Julie Napier. Community Services staff present were James Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Jeff White, Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Division Manager, Stanley Smith, Legal Department, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the December 9, 2014 meeting. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Leagues Update and Overview: James explained in 2013 we expressed to the board some changes that were necessary on how leagues were accessing our fields. James handed out a Change of League Policy Timeline sheet; this included all of the concerns we had on previous procedures. Select softball teams are paying for light usage per hour when using the fields. In the Spring 2015 seasons, a new tournament fee of \$25 will be implemented. The revenue from the fees would be used to build up the Parks budget allocated to maintaining these facilities.

Bond Update: James informed the board that he had an introductory meeting with the new CEO of the YMCA, David Hendricks, about a potential partnership on the new Recreation facility. The City Council will make their verbal agreement on what to send to Attorney General on Thursday, February 12th. The 26th is when the final decision will be made. The Parks and Recreation bond projects consist of 4 splash pads at \$2.5 million, a new recreation facility at \$9 million, the water park at \$6 million, and Zoo improvement's at a little over \$1 million.

Operational Report (Recreation/Seniors)(Parks)(Zoo):

Recreation: The Daddy Daughter Dance will sell out like previous years. Coming up is the Krewe of Barkus Mardi Gras Dog Parade. Adaptive Recreation has their Special Olympics basketball. The Spring Break camp will be in March.

Seniors: Seniors are gearing up for their Volunteer Appreciation party which will be western-rodeo themed, as well as their yearly Senior Wellness Jamboree.

Parks: Everman Fountain is now complete. 8 Park employees are going to state for the TRAPS rodeo. Nelson Wilson playground equipment has arrived and demolition has begun. Bonham elementary playground will start February 4th. The Redbud workout equipment is on hold until the shade structure comes in; expected date is the end of March.

Zoo: The building process for the giraffe feeding deck has started. Two new baby camels arrived. The rhino and camel exhibit is nearly completed. The zoo has purchased a new carousel to create revenue and the expected delivery date will be May 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.