

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2015

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 4:00p.m in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin, and Gary Grubbs. Members not present were Robyn Wertheim 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, Kelly Messer, Legal Department, and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary. Community Services staff not present were Bill Gersonde, Zoo Division Manager

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Leroy King moved that the minutes be approved for the February 3, 2015 meeting. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Request from LULAC, West Texas Scorpions, and District 11 ASA to charge admission for Sports tournaments: Richard explained to the board a list of teams whom wanted to charge a fee for admission, which these teams have done in the past. These teams have asked for these terms in the past. Gary Grubbs moved that the charge for admissions be approved. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Bond Update: There was approximately a total of \$80 million in bond projects. The new Recreation center was brought back into consideration, but ultimately it did not make the ballot. The list of council approved projects includes; \$6 million for the Aquatics center, \$2.5 million for the Splash pads, \$1.49 million for the Cedar Creek Trail project, and a \$1 million to match the \$1.2 million gift towards the Zoo.

Acceptance of monetary donation towards the purchase and installation of pavilions in City Park: James introduced a donation that was made by an anonymous benefactor. James explained to the board that we would put the donation into the Park Buck fund. Gail Russey moved for the donation to be accepted. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Parks Foundation presentation: Steve Patton, City of Odessa Director of Parks and Recreation did a presentation on the Odessa Parks foundation, and how their Dollar Donation program works. Steve explained that on every new customer's water bill they are set up to accept \$1 per month. The customer must call the billing office to take the \$1 donation off of their utility bill. This is where the funds come from for enhancements in each park. Steve presented a slide show of each of the playgrounds in Odessa.

Operational Report (Recreation/Seniors)(Parks)(Zoo): informational handouts only, no discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.