

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 6, 2016

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, Michael Homer, Marc Orner, and Jeff Goodin. Board members not present were Leigh Black, and Robyn Wertheim, and Terry Johnson. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Richard Rodgers, Parks Division Manager, Donnie Hart, Recreation Supervisor, Stanley Smith, Legal and Kaitlin Richardson, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Invocation was given by Jeff Goodin.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the November 1, 2016 meeting. Michael Homer seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Employee Service Award: Richard Rodgers presented Ricardo Chavarria's 5-year service award.

Discussion of Parks Paving Assessment: Lesli Andrews presented the Parks Paving Assessment to the board. This assessment would be the guide regarding pot holes, street repair, and parking lots in the parks. Due to the new Aquatic Facility and Splash Pads we saw the need for this plan. Michael Homer moved to adopt the plan. Jeff Goodin seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Discussion of changes to the Municipal Cemetery policy: The board was presented a copy of the recommended changes to the policy. There are no fee changes just clarification for each fee within the policy. Jeff Goodin moved to approve the changes. Mark Orner seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Discussion of Park Foundation: Lesli Andrews presented an informational document with each of our sister cities and how their Park Foundation was established, and which positions make up the board. Lesli Andrews has asked the board for names of individuals who would like to be on the Foundation board. Michael Homer asked if we should start offering a volunteer donation program on a utility bill. We currently have a voluntary program in which you have to opt in to put a donation on your water bill. Out of 40,000 accounts approximately only 1,500 participate in the Parks Bucks Program. Gary Grubbs stated if we went in the same direction as Odessa with the opt out option we might have a higher participation rate. Michael Homer asked would there be any conflict of interest to have any of our Parks and Recreation Board members on the Parks Foundation Board. Lesli Andrews stated there is no conflict of interest, but we cannot have a quorum of Parks and Recreation Board members for the Foundation Board.

Operational Report (Zoo) (Parks) (Recreation/Senior Citizens):

Parks: We now have a completed outside gym at Redbud Park. Richard explained this was a long process, but excited it is completed. Windmills will be going up at Nelson, and the backstops at Kirby will be replaced. Winter duties have begun which include painting, and tree trimming.

Recreation: Donnie Hart stated the Youth Volleyball program went from 60 to 300 girls participating. The 19th annual Daddy Daughter Dance is coming up. Youth Basketball is now up and going. We are accepting registrations for Winter Break Camp located at Cobb Recreation. As of now we have 28 kids enrolled.

Seniors: The Family Fall Festival will be on December 9th.

Zoo: Lesli Andrews stated the Zoo has set a record high of attendance. The giraffes are doing great.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.


Chair


Secretary

