

KINDRED CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WITH PARK BOARD

02-12-2020 6:00PM, Kindred City Hall

1. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor DuBord at 6:03pm

Members Present: DuBord, Spelhaug, Amerman, Stoddard, & Peraza.

Other Present: Park Board Members Rob Sahr, Lydia Ronningen, Gene Thompson, Kimbra Amerman, Bekki DuBord, PB Director Mike Brown, & City Auditor Tabitha Arnaud.

2. City Park Management & update on FFA project for the dome climber base

Possibility was discussed at the last CC/PB meeting that the PB take over management of the City Park. Main reason for this suggestion was that the city did receive a couple complaints on mowing and beautification last summer. PB has more knowledge of park spaces/resources making it appear to be a logical fit that they manage the park instead of the city. PB had concerns of not budgeting for the additional wage expenses for the groundskeeping. CC agreed the city could provide some funding to assist with groundskeeping and beautification until the next budget season, if the PB would be able to work it into the following season. Estimate of 8hr/wk for work at the city park, x 10 weeks = about \$800 for the season. Beautification discussions included planting/maintaining flowers (could contact Girl/Cub/Eagle Scouts to see if they'd be interested as a community service project), planters, veteran's memorial, old flag pole area, removal/update of sidewalk through the park, additional benches, repainting the basketball court, playground equipment. Discussed options of splitting the responsibilities. Would likely be best to create an agreement for management, much like we already have for the pool sub-lease agreement.

Tabitha contacted the current FFA advisor and they stated they are very interested in assisting with this project and would be open to discuss any other projects the City or Park Board has in mind that maybe they could help with. Last years agreement with the FFA was that the City would pay for the materials and the FFA students/advisors would assist with the labor. No purchases were made last summer, as the FFA ran out of time before school ended. FFA is open to meeting with either the City or the Park Board to coordinate this project.

Mayor DuBord reported that Kindred was able to secure the host city for the State Babe Ruth Baseball tournament this summer, weekend of July 24th. Asked the CC and PB members to be aware of this event and hope they can help support our community during this event.

The City will continue the FFA dome climber project, management of the Memorial Building, and City Park structures; will consider providing funding to PB for mowing and beautifications if they are able to work it into their schedules/staffing.

3. Community Survey Results

The PB created a survey and shared it via email, websites, and social media to get feedback from the community on services/activities that would like to be seen here. Top vote getters: weekend open gym and running events; yoga and cooking classes; splash pads, nature trails, and fishing ponds; Santa Days and Mother-Son or Father-Daughter dances. All of these will be considered for the 2021 season.

4. Lagoon Project Timeline

Previously discussed that the city may be acquiring a small section of land with the lagoon project that could allow an extension of the County Hwy bike path to access the Sheyenne River. The lagoon project is looking to begin the land purchase negotiations this next month, however, the lagoon rehabilitation and expansion will be a two-year project, set for completion by Fall 2021.

5. Pool Pre-Season Review

Due to time constraints, this topic will be further discussed at the next meeting, in May. But PB did confirm that swimming lessons will be held here this summer!!

6. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm.

(Minutes subject to council approval.)

Tabitha Arnaud, City Auditor

Jason DuBord, Mayor

Date approved