

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 12, 2023, 6 p.m., mayor's office

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Landon Gulley, Lonnie Taylor, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee, Mayor Jack McCall

Others Present: Brad Anderson, Stephen Byrd representing Hartsville Little League

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order once a quorum was established.

Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Gulley, second by Taylor. Motion approved.

Cliff Sallee presented update on installing new lights at Little League ballfields. Tri-County has done boring work and poured concrete. Two poles installed on field 1, hit some electric and scoreboard wires. Unknown how much damage done as of yet. Tri-County will rewire entire ballpark, county responsible for prep work ahead of time. Weather has delayed effort but hoping to have done by March 6 Little League deadline. Brad Anderson said scoreboards are wireless, just need power. Cliff said plenty of power available wherever needed.

Brad asked if would be possible to install light switches to individual fields instead of one switch for all. Cliff said Tri-County has indicated this is not possible, but does want to have switch in secure spot where fewer people have access. Stephen Byrd said switch could possibly be placed in concession stand. Cliff to look for outside opinions on best placement and work with Little League on final decision.

Stephen asked if work could be done by March 6. Cliff said groundwork yes, all poles up will depend on Tri-County. Stephen also asked about debris on field 1; Cliff said county would pick up. Bubba Gregory asked if LL still has Work Day to get fields ready. Stephen said yes, sometime after March 6. Brad asked if current location of lights is where they will end up. Cliff said mostly yes.

Discussion turned to county swimming pool operations for 2023.

Cliff said several companies have looked at pool and all say new liner needed at minimum. Hasn't heard from Rhino liner folks, Madison Pools said could only tear out old one and replace. Cliff was unsure what replacing liner might cost but said it could be double the last estimate, which was from 2011. He did not have that estimate immediately on hand.

There is a water leak in the shallow end of pool, haven't identified location. Water loss seems to be minimal based on water bills.

Cliff wants to eliminate hot food options (burgers, etc.) from 2023 menu. Many surrounding pools making similar moves and would save the county fees from \$350 annual permit.

Bubba asked if committee needed to set opening date or wait until February meeting. Consensus was to wait until February. Cliff said county is getting ready to begin advertising for pool staff.

Landon Gulley asked what pool staff pay was in 2022. Cliff said \$10.50 hour for manager, \$9.50 for assistant manager, \$8.50 for lifeguards. Chris Gregory asked about changing pool hours, suggested 12-7 instead of 10-5. Chris also asked if county needed to increase pay to make job more attractive as other opportunities for

youth pay more. Cliff noted that finding workers is always a challenge, started last year with 20 and ended with 11 last year. Cliff also noted potential issues raising part-time pay might cause with full-time staff.

Mayor Jack McCall asked what a good pay rate for a manager might be. Cliff suggested \$12 or \$13 hourly. Cliff said there will not be a youth manager this year, will be adult.

Cliff has a park guy who will be available to address security issues but he can't be there every time the pool is open. Landon said there needs to be a plan to deal with disciplinary issues at pool. Brad Anderson noted the Little League fields have signs on hand and that use of profanity leads to ejection from park.

Cliff said lifeguard hiring info will come out next week. Lonnie asked about bumping pay for lifeguards who worked last year. Landon suggested talking to the ones interested in returning about best ways to handle discipline cases.

Pool will be discussed further at February meeting.

Cliff presented committee with quote from HSS Inc. for additional cameras, replacing wiring on existing cameras and software license, totaling \$16,782.85. Camera feeds can not be viewed online without licenses, he noted. Cliff said these cameras will provide 360-degree coverage of park and will pick up person or vehicle and can be viewed instantly to determine if immediate action required.

Mayor McCall noted that state law has changed, allowing expenses of up to \$25,000 without need for bids instead of previous \$10,000. Cliff said there is existing funds in budget to handle this without budget amendment from full Commission.

Chris asked how many cameras are covered by quote. Cliff did not have that information on hand. Bubba asked when work would begin if approved. Cliff said very quickly.

Lonnie asked if license plate recognition was part of this system. It is not, according to Cliff. Landon asked about recurring costs, Cliff to check. Cliff noted Red Boiling Springs has these cameras and loves them. Motion to approve camera quote by Chris Gregory, second by Lonnie Taylor. Motion approved.

Discussion turned to landfill testing.

County held January 5, 2023 meeting with Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, at which TDEC indicated county needs to start catching water and testing from two sites. TriAD Environmental Consultants has presented county with \$8,000 quote.

Water at sites has not been sampled in 3-4 years, per Cliff. Cliff believes water will test OK.

Chris asked how often testing will be required. Cliff said that has yet to be determined, will probably depend on results from initial testing. Cliff added that fire ant nests are currently on property and that county has gotten bait to get rid of them.

Mayor McCall said he has talked to Kimley-Horn twice in last month about playground grant project. Bid process is underway but no estimate available on project completion. Chris noted deadline is nearing. McCall said playground boundary might change with name boards being moved. That has yet to be determined.

Mayor also said TDOT sidewalk project on Broadway could be 2-3 years before completion.

Chris asked about timing of traffic lights at Broadway, have been affected by rebuilding project there. Cliff said that is supposed to be fixed.

Mayor also noted park has been partially resurveyed and part of walking trail is on Corps of Engineers property, but Corps had agreed to that after review of past documentation. Survey was done at Kimley-Horn's request to make sure skate park was on county property.

Cliff said front loader trash truck still on time to be delivered in March.

Chris asked about Masonic bell at courthouse that is leaning. Cliff said Public Works has braced it temporarily until USS can come in and place pylons underneath to secure, probably in 3-4 weeks. Lonnie noted that the bell predates the Civil War.

Lonnie also asked about status of courthouse work. Cliff said March at the soonest for completion, parts are still on backorder. Crews haven't been on site since Thanksgiving, according to Cliff. Landon asked how much the county has paid up front for the job, Cliff didn't know. Chris asked if any damage has been done to video system in courthouse. Cliff said no.

In public comments, Cliff asked for patience and noted that his department is shorthanded. Stephen Byrd asked if Little League could repair the ceiling of the concession stand at ballfields. Committee indicated that was OK.

Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Lonnie Taylor, second by Chris Gregory. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory