

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Landon Gulley, Lonnie Taylor, Mark Presley, Alan Carman, Richard Johnson, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee, County Mayor Jack McCall

Others Present: Public Works staff Tracy Ausderau, Lesley Overman

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March 29, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Taylor, second by Johnson. Motion approved.

Discussion started on pool status. Sallee reported that several lifeguards have signed up and others have applied, have 16 total so far (15 needed to open, per Cliff). Staff is setting up training at Jimmy Floyd Center and/or Gallatin Civic Center. PW will try to limit lifeguard hours to 29 per week as some had overtime last summer. Pool could use another assistant manager but can function without. Bubba Gregory thanked committee for spreading word about need for lifeguards. Gulley asked how many are returning from last year, three per Cliff. Tracy Ausderau noted that lifeguards must be Red Cross-certified. Bubba asked about pool itself. Cliff said no issues that staff knows about, staff expects to start prepping pool next week. Gulley asked about timing of lifeguard tests - they are scattered over several days, per Tracy. Bubba asked about getting any more applicants, but deadline is Friday. Chris Gregory asked about security issues last year. Manager staff has been advised and they are adults this year, Cliff expects no issues. Gulley asked if PW kept bonuses for lifeguards like last year - did not.

Discussion turned to 2023 Built Environment Grant. Mayor McCall reported that county can apply for Phase B to cover infrastructure and design up to \$80,000. Mayor and Cliff feel that improving basketball and tennis courts are top priority, estimate about \$105,000. Sand volleyball and pickleball are estimated to be around \$60,000. Cliff says basketball is in good shape but would like to repaint this year. Cliff says tennis courts "in dire need" as court is cracked, anchors for nets are broken. Grant was discussed previously in 2019 but pandemic put halt to that. Cliff feels tennis and volleyball should be the priority. Gulley asked if volleyball could be done without grant, Sallee said yes but next budget year. Several lights have need repair in park that have eaten up discretionary funds.

Motion by Chris Gregory to recommend Commission authorize mayor to apply for grant, second by Taylor. Motion approved.

Bubba Gregory said Little League lights are fixed and working well. Sallee said savings from LED lights aren't known yet. Cameras are in park; people were in park today finishing up and getting quotes for cameras in ballfields near skate park & concessions. Taylor asked if cameras would be multisensory, yes. Sallee also has solicited unofficial quote for License Plate Reader of \$1,600, company is working on official quote for next year's budget.

Motion by Taylor to place a License Plate Reader in 2023-24 budget, second by Chris Gregory. Motion approved.

Discussion turned to playground grant. Mayor said Kimley-Horn has projected finish date of spring 2024 for Trey Park project.

Mayor mentioned updated hotel study is completed, recommended 54-room hotel with pool. \$1.3 million of needed \$3 million has been raised, potential investors to visit next month. Kimley-Horn has estimated \$1 million cost to turn ballfields into cloverleaf shape as in park master plan. Mayor believes would attract travel ball tournaments and bring revenue into county, envisions county applying for round 3 of grant next year. Taylor asked if redoing fields would mean redoing lights - projected yes. Sallee mentioned doing so would lose poles just placed, poles and lights cost \$1 million.

Discussion turned to courthouse repairs. Sallee provided email from Trane representative, stating all VRF components to be installed by April 12. Trane estimates need to install four new drop ceilings to cover ceiling-mounted units, with Trane to cover cost. Sallee shared photos of units. Sallee thought they would be floor units, not ceiling. Taylor asked how far behind, was supposed to be 30-45 days, now several months. Gulley asked if timeline had been in contract. Sallee didn't know, county attorney has contract. Gulley asked about inspections, none done to Sallee knowledge. Sallee said he had to stop electrician from wiring one unit because placement was so bad, should have been corner or floor.

Mayor said he wants to send Trane rep letter inviting him to address County Commission on status. **Motion by Gulley to give Trane until April Commission meeting April 24 to show up and to authorize county attorney to take stronger action if not, second by Presley. Motion approved.**

Gulley handed out sheets for disc golf fundraiser being held by JSMS, \$15-\$20 each. Bubba Gregory asked how much to finish course, no one knows.

Bubba noted park is staying busy. Sallee said cameras are helping, but some kids are making mess with toilet paper in bathrooms. Gulley asked if county could install hand dryers instead of paper towels to help with that. Sallee thinks there will be enough electricity. Bubba asked if T-ball bathrooms are open - they are.

Presley asked about Administration Building signs. Sallee said Signarama has been out, salvaged one side of old sign. Sallee wants frame rebuilt and LED lights, wiring is done, just waiting on quote. Signarama and HartsVegas working on quote for signs above LL scoreboard, wording not yet decided.

Next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at mayor's office.

Motion to adjourn by Taylor, second by Gulley. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory