

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2023, 6 p.m., Community Center

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

**Others Present:** Animal Shelter Director Rebecca Troutt, Roxanne Lambert (Hartsville Vidette), Amy Thomas

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Presley, second by Taylor. Motion approved.

Discussion opened on LPRF park grant. County mayor presented updated rendering of new play area including sidewalk and fencing, added that Trousdale County Elementary School has interest in using some of the old equipment. Per mayor, construction can start as soon as old equipment is removed, with expected completion of spring 2024. B.Gregory asked about timeline to get started. Thomas said updated quote has to be sent to Cunningham, start date probably in July. Chris Gregory asked if old equipment will have to be declared as surplus before being donated to TCES, Amy indicated yes and probably would come before Commission in July. Mayor said some current equipment that is salvageable will be kept in park.

Motion by Gulley to declare as surplus old play equipment that will not be kept in park, second by Taylor. Motion approved.

Thomas reported that \$1.2 million set aside for playground might need another \$100,000, recommended taking from ARPA. Engineering has been \$98,500, quote for play equipment is \$1,047,070, per documents in packet. There is roughly \$50,000 remaining that can be put toward general contractor to install the new playground, with that total including \$31,500 in engineering line item. Gulley asked how much is left in ARPA, Thomas said about \$600,000. Gulley asked if engineering is completed, Thomas believes so. Extra \$100,000 would be just in case, might not all be needed.

Motion by Gulley to recommend approval of extra \$100,000 from ARPA for playground, second by C.Gregory. Motion approved.

Discussion turned to pool season. Pool has lost one lifeguard this week but is running smoothly, no security incidents reported and only two kicked out so far. Sallee reported averaging from 20 to 50 per day attendance. Gulley said member of public had called him today asking why pool closed at noon. Sallee said manager looked at weather and made a premature call, this has been discussed so should not recur. Fewer passes sold than in previous years, but Sallee said pool parties are fully booked on three nights per week. Pool is not losing as much water as reported last month, repairs look to be holding after being cleaned. LED lights are being purchased to replace lights in pool per recommendation of state inspector, estimate \$600 per light. Lights will be purchased and replaced as old ones go out, per Sallee. C.Gregory asked if pool would be open late on July 1 as in the past for Music in the Park. Sallee said this could be done; he will arrange with staff.

Sallee said cameras are working well and word has gotten out, very few incidents. Some deputies have access to app and can view live as well.

Discussion turned to courthouse repairs. Sallee said he has been in almost every day the last two weeks. Trane has been finishing work on units, most graphics are set up in future election office. Sallee

and Joe Slagle will take class on running units. Tile and LED installed in lower courtroom. Lowe's was out of ceiling tiles, waiting to get more. Upstairs units in back still have some work, others are set. AC is up and running. Upstairs courtroom to be cleaned ASAP. Gulley asked about boiler in basement. Mostly gone, some parts remaining, per Sallee.

C.Gregory asked on inspection update as discussed in May. No update available, Sallee said he's been assured everything will be done. Upstairs will need thorough cleaning but goal is to have June Commission meeting in courthouse.

B.Gregory asked about timeline on moving Election Commission to courthouse. Too soon to tell, some areas need reflooring and other work.

Discussion turned to animal shelter. Director Troutt would like to extend concrete on left of building with estimate of \$2,300 from Dahl Concrete and work on other side with \$7,974 estimate. Gulley asked if funding was in 2022-23 budget for these, it is for the \$2,300 project.

Motion by C.Gregory to recommend approval of \$2,300 expenditure on condition that Thomas confirms money is available in 2022-23 budget, second by Taylor. Gulley would have liked to see more quotes. C.Gregory asked about amending motion but declined. Motion approved.

C.Gregory asked about timeline of ordering license plate reader as requested in 2023-24 budget. Sallee said could be done within 60 days of budget approval by Commission, noted will also include four new cameras.

Closing of pool was briefly discussed. Pool will close when school opens but will open the weekend after school starts, last day to be Sunday, July 30.

Floor opened to public comment, none made.

B.Gregory asked committee to keep Richard Johnson in thoughts as he is hospitalized.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m., site to be determined. Motion to adjourn by Gulley, second by Taylor. Motion approved.

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory*