

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024, 6 p.m., Community Center

Present: Bubba Gregory, Chris Gregory, Alan Carman, Lesley Overman, Landon Gulley, Public Works Director Cliff Sallee

Others Present: Heather Gulley

Chairman Bubba Gregory called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with one addition by Gulley, second by Carman. Motion approved.

Discussion held on park projects. Sallee said playground site has been cleared and new play equipment is being manufactured. Completion timeline is still late April or early May 2024. Public Works is still seeking contractor for concrete/asphalt work after RFQ in January brought no bids. Cunningham Recreation had a contractor submit a quote of \$80,000 but Sallee reaching out to some contacts, thinks we can do cheaper. Because of necessary ADA work, some current concrete may have to be taken up. Also some cameras will need to be moved and new conduits run, direct internet line to replace current wireless at pool will also be run while ground is turned up. Sallee will have further report on concrete needs at February meeting. Gulley asked if any of the pool lines would be affected, they are all inside fence area so no. Some lights at pool have already changed to LED.

No decision yet on what will be done with fence posts and bricks with names on them.

Discussion turned to 2024 swimming pool season. Sallee and Kerri Garner have reached out to Jimmy Floyd Center about getting lifeguard training slots. Training could be done locally but pool is too cold in May. The 2024 manager is in place - Charlee Dixon. Flyers recruiting lifeguards will go out to high school later this week. B.Gregory asked if any 2023 lifeguards are returning, too soon to know. New HR person is in place to help with signups. Sallee said some have previously said they will return, wants to start recruiting ASAP. B.Gregory asked about assistant managers, none yet. Gulley asked if anyone had reached out to Casey Stovall, not yet.

Motion by Gulley to pay \$200 sign-on basis to certified lifeguards who return from last year and/or lifeguards certified elsewhere and to pay certification fees, second by C.Gregory. **Motion approved.**

B.Gregory asked about status of pool structure, C.Gregory noted that Sallee had said last year might need to be major work in a year or so. Sallee said it won't be known until cleaned out, but feels it was winterized well and should be OK. Presley asked about water loss that was problem at beginning of 2023 season. Sallee said that had slowed down tremendously to maybe 10 gallons per day. Cliff expects no major upgrades needed aside from conversion to LED lighting.

C.Gregory asked about setting hours, B.Gregory asked about setting fees. Sallee to bring last year's hours/fees to February meeting for discussion then.

Discussion turned to new roll-off truck. Sallee said it is supposed to arrive next week, has been in Kentucky for two months. County probably cannot get Western Star model at all, private companies are paying more than we can. Peterbilt or Volvo are options for future. Sallee has spoken to one county in Tennessee with a Volvo, they note no real differences. Volvo might be \$15,000-\$20,000 cheaper.

Gulley asked if county would be OK on trucks once new one arrives. Sallee said current sideloader truck is 11-12 years old and has had number of repairs but is starting to show age. Oil leak, losing water, but Sallee wants to keep as backup option. Current backup is rear bumper rider used mainly for cardboard. Gulley asked about quote for new sideloader, Sallee said roughly \$397,830 last time he checked. Gulley asked about leasing, Sallee said can be done but available leases are difficult to find, he only knows a place in Ohio currently offering.

Presley asked if courthouse had passed second electrical inspection. Sallee said yes. Walkthrough has been done, some minor issues found that PW staff fixed themselves and submitted to county attorney to bill the contractor. B.Gregory asked if floors were done, they are; asked about county's audio/video equipment in courtroom. It should be in working order.

B.Gregory asked about Election Commission move, C.Gregory noted it would be 2025 before a move would be made with three elections in 2024.

Overman asked if Community Center rental agreement now falls under authority of Building Committee. It does, Sallee said staff has been notifying folks that new fees would begin in February.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m. Site TBD.

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

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.