

Minot Park Board Meeting

January 15, 2019

6:30pm

The Minot Park Board met on January 15 at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Members present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton. Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers were also present.

Commissioner Hovda opened the meeting and announced the State of the City address will take place on January 31 at 4:30pm at Magic City Campus. Hovda also announced that he has been in contact with Minot Public Schools and informed them that the Minot Park District is interested in the old Ramstad School property if it becomes available.

There were no personal appearances.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the December 18 Minot Park Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Olson to approve the bills in amount of \$708,448.65. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Olson, second by Emery to approve the salaries in the amount of \$201,474.52. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Financial Report

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson had nothing to add to his submitted report. Olson presented bids for an administration vehicle.

1. Westlie Motors -2017 Ford F150 XLT- \$26,690, 42,000 miles
2. Westlie Motors- 2013 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ \$27,500 40,601 miles
3. Don Bessette- – 2013 Ford F150 XLT \$25,478, 49,646 miles

Motion by Schmitt, second by Olson to approve the 2017 Ford F150 from Westlie Motors in the amount of \$26,690.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Souris Valley Golf Pro, Steve Kottsick reported golf at the MSU Bubble is open on Sundays for youth from 5:00pm-7:00pm and for adults from 7:30pm-10:00pm. Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest had nothing to add to his written report. Roosevelt Park Zoo Executive Director, Becky Dewitz reported that the Minot Zoo Crew is contributing \$25,000.00 for enhancements to the Primate Exhibit and donated \$35,000.00 for a new train at the Roosevelt Park Zoo with an ADA accessible train car. MAYSA Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported that All Season Ice would be out after Sunday, January 20. Gillen also reported they are continuing to work on seat maintenance in the Pepsi Rink. Maintenance Superintendent, Brian Mathson reported they are continuing to work on outdoor ice rinks as it has been

a challenging year with the drastic changes in weather. Horticulturist, Shannon Paul had nothing to add to her written report.

New Business

Commissioner Hovda appointed himself to the Trails Committee. He reported they will be setting up a Trails Committee meeting in the near future. Commissioner Wharton reported he would be interested in the Trails Committee.

Old Business

Commissioner Olson reported on the merger of the Minot Recreation Commission and the Minot Park District. Olson reported the Minot City Council voted in support of merger at the January 7 City Council Meeting. Olson thanked everyone for the hard work getting to this point and believes it will be a fun few years ahead.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt presented on the Magic City Discovery Center. He reported that plat is in process and will be on the agenda for the February Planning Commission meeting. Merritt reported they continue to work with DOT on the easement for the property and will be working with the city accessor for the appraisal.

Commissioner Schmitt reported on the land next to the MAYSA Arena. He reported that Ackerman Estvold is working on preliminary sketches of the property and the appraisal should be complete at the end of January. Commissioner Hovda believes this is a good time to have this discussion so the board can see where it fits in the five-year plan for the park district.

Director Merritt reported they continued to work on the irrigation easement agreement for the outdoor recreation area.

Director Merritt also reported they are continuing to work with the Audubon Dakota on the restoration along the river including the Woodland Trail and Oak Park.

Director Merritt reported on the five-year planning process. Merritt stated they have held two meeting with department heads and recreation staff. The list will be sent out to the board for their review. The board will hold a retreat to discuss the proposed five-year plan on February 5 at 4pm in the Community Room at the Minot Auditorium.

Other Business

Merritt asked that the board approve that Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson be able to take the company vehicle home.

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to allow Jarrod Olson to bring his company vehicle home. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the administratively approved alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Directors Report

Executive Director Ron Merritt reported on warehouse buyout, new netting at Corbett field, the downtown gathering space. He also reported on Fun Zone at the Bubble, Parks Day at the Capital, and construction of the new exhibits at the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Wharton reported he was concerned with comments by the City Council on the transparency of the Minot Park District website including minutes and how to get in contact with Park Board members. Wharton also would like to see the Park District to discuss opportunities with the Lincoln, Ramstad and Washington school properties.

Commissioner Olson reported he was happy the multimedia coordinator position had been filled and is excited to see the impact of the new position on the Minot Park District brand.

Motion by Emery, second by Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk