

Minot Park Board Minutes

September 19, 2017

The Minot Park Board met on September 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

Members Present: Cliff Hovda, Nancy Beck , John Drady, Chuck Emery, and Steve Wharton. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing was opened for the 2018 Budget. There being no public appearances. Motion by Wharton, second by Drady to adopt the 2018 budget in the amount of \$10,610,588 and place and pass on the first reading Ordinance #245 to levy taxes for the 2018 budget. On roll call, all members voted yes. The Public Hearing was closed.

Personal Appearances:

Michael Schmanski from North Dakota Game and Fish appeared to answer questions from the Minot Park Board regarding Canadian Geese issues on the Souris Valley Golf Course and Oak Park. Schmanski reviewed options for the Minot Park Board to consider. The first would be to change the City Ordinance to ban the feeding of the geese with a fine attached. Discussion was held. Park District Attorney Pete Hankla will work on drafting and ordinance.

Motion by Hovda, second by Drady to approve the minutes from the August 15 board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Hovda to approve the bills in the amount of \$592,917.82. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Emery, second by Drady to approve the salaries in the amount of \$239,783.38. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Head Reports:

Commissioner Emery would like to see the ability for the lights to be turned all the way down in the Pepsi Rink . Motion by Emery, second by Drady to approve up to \$15,000.00 for electrician fees for the Pepsi Rink. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Chrest reported they are applying snow mold treatments. Dewitz is continuing to work on the cat exhibit drawings. Gillen reported they are moving forward with sound baffles with a \$10,000.00 donation from the MAYSA group. Mathson hired a new mechanic and they are continuing to work on repairs at the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Johnson filled two positions on his crew.

New Business:

Merritt presented a letter submitted by the Minot Minotauros and the MSU Men's Beavers Hockey Team regarding security at their games. Staff feels strongly they need two off duty police officers present at all games where alcohol is served. Emery former MAYSA Arena Manager added that hired security guards do not have the same authority as the MPD.

Motion by Hovda, second by Wharton to keep two off duty police officers as a requirement at games and events where alcohol is sold. Motion carried.

Motion by Drady, second by Hovda to approve the administratively approved alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Board Members reviewed a contract for deed on the land purchase next to the MAYSA Arena. Discussion was held.

Motion by Emery, second by Drady for the land negotiations to include lease adjustments, phase one of an environmental study, an estimate to raise the buildings, appraisal of the land, and insurability of the property. On roll call, motion passes.

Executive Director Report:

Merritt reported that park district staff is continuing to meet with City staff on trails and greenway master planning. Merritt updated the board on the turf projects at the South Hill Complex and Corbett Field. He also shared photos off the Soggy Doggy Day at Roosevelt Park. Merritt reminded the board of Business After Hours being held on September 21 at the MAYSA Arena.

Commissioner Reports:

Emery thanked the Roosevelt Park Zoo staff for keeping the Zoo open year round for visitors. Emery also asked for an update on the Superfund site next to the MAYSA Arena. Merritt explained park staff continues to work with the City of Minot on the site. Commissioner Beck announced that in a letter received by the North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights that based on an examination of the evidence and investigation into the allegations brought forth by Mr. Wharton, the Department is unable to conclude that a violation of applicable statutes has occurred. Considering the evidence as a whole, we find Mr. Wharton was not discharged from employment, for reasons related to his participation in a protected activity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Nancy Beck, President

Minot Park Board Foundation Minutes

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The Minot Park Foundation Board met on September 19 following the Park Board meeting in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

Members present: Nancy Beck, Cliff Hovda, John Drady, Chuck Emery, and Steve Wharton. Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers were also present.

Motion by Drady, second by Emery to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to pay the bills in the amount of \$175,351.00. On roll call, all members voted yes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS AS FOLLOWS:

CIMCO	\$25,000.00
CONCRETE MOBIL	\$351.00
Rolac Contracting, Inc.	\$150,000.00

Commissioner Emery noted his frustration on the punch list items from the Pepsi Rink Construction.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Nancy Beck, President