

## Minot Park Board Minutes

October 18, 2016

The Minot Park Board met on October 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Municipal Auditorium.

Members Present: Cliff Hovda, Nancy Beck, Chuck Emery. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers. Connie Feist and Steve Wharton were not in attendance.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Personal Appearances : There were no personal appearances.

Motion by Beck, second by Emery to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2016 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Beck to approve the minutes from the special board meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, Second by Beck to approve the bills in the amount of \$837,417.36. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Beck, second by Emery to approve the salaries in the amount of \$256,260.80. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Department Reports: Commissioners reviewed the department reports. Olson reported that an agreements have been made with the user groups of the Maysa arena. Kottisck from Souris Valley Golf Course reported that expenses for the course are up but they will meet their budget for 2016. Dewitz reported from the Roosevelt Park Zoo their winter hours have started Thursday-Saturday from 10am-3pm with the exception of holidays and extreme weather conditions. She also reported they were received a \$40,000 dollar grant from Oppen foundation for a education coordinator. Gillen from the Maysa reported they will delay flooding for a week until cleanup of construction is complete due to dust particles. They hope to be flooding the rink the week of October 31. Maintenance and Horticulture continue to be busy with wrapping up the summer season and preparing for the snow. Johnson with forestry share a presentation done by Mitch Thompson from his department. They presented "Urban Forests Impact on Stormwater Retention" to NDSU Forest Service.

New Business: Olson presented a Maysa concert proposal for the spring of 2017. They are asking for \$17,500 down payment for an artist they have been working with. Discussion was held. Motion by Emery, second by Beck to approve \$17,500 within the Maysa Arena Budget to go towards a down payment for a spring concert at the Maysa Arena. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Directors Report: Merritt reported several projects in the works including turf softball fields, woodland trail phase two, paving master plan, and the Zoo crew strategic plan. Merritt also reported 735 train

engine improvements with the Minot Rotary Club are near completion and they will be coming to the board in November with a request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk

Cliff Hovda, President