

Special Park Board Meeting

August 17th, 2016

The Minot Park Board met on August 17th, 2016 in the community room of the Municipal Auditorium.

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

Merritt presented the 2017 Preliminary Budget with a zero increase. Merritt reported that pension percentages have increased. Emery and Wharton noted they would like to see a cap pension increase for the 2018 budget.

Emery also commented on the soccer users and their current contribution to the soccer complex. He requested there be a meeting set up to discuss user fees with the Minot Soccer Association and other users of the facility. Emery also would like a meeting set up with the baseball user groups. Wharton stated he would also like to see more contributed from these users.

Emery asked about the Education Coordinator position Dewitz explained how they work with the Minot Zoo Crew and the Minot Park District. Emery also questioned the new registers for the Roosevelt Park Zoo. Dewitz explained they will be using registers for more efficiency within the zoo. Emery asked Paul about two Kaivac systems. Paul explained one will be on the North side of the park system and one will be used for the South side of the park system.

Emery asked about sod cutter for both Corbett Field and the Souris Valley Golf Course. Paul and Chrest explained they are for two different types and size of sod. They felt they would both be better utilized at separate locations.

Commissioner Emery also stated he would like to see more steps in the City Foresters salary. Emery stated he would like the \$66,000 for the All Seasons Arena ice pulled for the 2017 Budget. Olson presented numbers for our ice users. Discussion was held on the All Season Arena Ice and Olson will set up a meeting with the City of Minot, All Seasons Arena, and the Minot Park District to decide what is best for the citizens of Minot. Commissioner Feist believes the \$66,000 should be kept in the budget until there is more information on how this will affect the community as a whole.

Wharton asked about the accountant position in the future and if it would be more feasible to have companies do our accounting. Merritt stated he is looking into all the options at this point. Discussion was held on the Roosevelt Park Zoo budget on improvements to the pumps on the Otter exhibit as well additional fencing.

Feist stated she would like promotions to be renamed to marketing. Feist also questioned how vandalism has been this summer in the parks. Mathson stated the park district will continue to add

lighting as well as cameras to area parks. Feist questions the Maysa Maintenance fund of \$49,470. Merritt explained this would be a carryover item for 2016.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to increase the Executive Directors salary by one step for 2017. On roll call, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the preliminary budget in the amount of \$10,561,394 with an additional step increase to the City Forester. On roll call, Emery vote yes, Feist voted no, Hovda voted yes, Wharton voted yes. Motion carried.