

Special Minot Park Board Meeting

August 6, 2019

The Minot Park Board met on September 6, 2019 at 4:00pm in the Community Room at the Minot Municipal Auditorium. Members Present: Chuck Emery, Perry Olson, Mike Schmitt and Cliff Hovda. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt presented the 2020 Preliminary Budget. Merritt reported the Minot Park District levied 35.01 Mills in 2019 and will levy a proposed 43.02 Mills in 2020. There is a 7.61 Mill increase with the transfer of Mills from the City of Minot to the Minot Park District with the combination of Parks and Recreation.

Merritt reviewed capital improvements in the preliminary budget including an accessible ramp at the Roosevelt Park Pool, Hammond Tennis court resurfacing, improvements at outdoor ice rinks, shade structure at the penguin pool, chiller at the MAYSA Arena, Corbett sound system and portable mounds.

Merritt reviewed maintenance fund numbers including the Golf Course at \$60,000.00, Auditorium at \$250,402.00, Forestry \$120,673.00, MAYSA at \$184,105.48, waterslide at \$45,000.00 and future development at \$1,683,984.00.

Commissioner Hovda reported he was happy to see the MAYSA Chiller and Roosevelt Park Pool ramp included in the budget. Hovda feels the board needs to continue to move forward on plans for Jefferson, Polaris and Overlook Park. Hovda reported he would like discussions to continue with the Minot Public School Board on the old Ramstad Site. Hovda wants to continue to work on the Outdoor Recreation Area and move forward with a grant application to the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Commissioner Emery commended the park staff and leadership for the third year in a row of a zero-increase budget.

Motion by Schmitt, second by Hovda to accept the Preliminary 2020 Budget. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Commissioner Emery and the Minot Park Board set the 2020 Budget hearing for September 17 at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Minot Municipal Auditorium along with a Special Meeting on October 1 at 4:00pm for the 2020 Budget.

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