

## Minot Park Board Meeting

January 18, 2022

The Minot Park Board met on January 18 at 6:30pm in Room 203 of the Minot Municipal Auditorium. Members present: Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson, Chuck Emery and Cliff Hovda. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

### Personal Appearances:

Shannon Straight appeared before the board and thanked them for their support for the Ann Street Bridge. Commissioner Schmitt thanked Straight for being an advocate for the bridge and the citizens of Minot.

Motion by Hovda, second by Emery to approve the Minot Board Meeting minutes from December 21. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to approve the bills in the amount of \$611,690.95 and salaries in the amount of \$477,245.81. All roll call, all members voted yes.

### Department Head Reports

Jarrold Olson, Director of Operations reported the Souris Valley Golf Course restroom building will be ready for transportation this spring. The Souris Valley club house siding is looking good but has a few more items to be done before it is complete. Olson reported Corbett summer baseball RFPs are due on January 25 at 2pm. Spring and summer user group agreements have been sent out and have been going well.

Souris Valley Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Chrest reported that the sand bottles are ordered for the golf carts and will be ready for the summer season. MAYSA Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported they are shifting the schedule to accommodate for missed games due to weather postponements. Commissioner Emery questioned space heaters in the restrooms of the Pepsi Rink. Gillen along with Minot Park Maintenance Superintendent, James Burns reported it was a temporary fix for a maintenance issue that will be addressed this summer. Emery reported he would like to note as we move forward with proposed indoor facility plans to make sure we are including everyone at the table for maintenance plans so we do not run into these issues again.

Director of Marketing and Development, Elly DesLauriers reported she is working on two grants. One is the Partners in Planning grant with the North Dakota Department of Commerce. The other is an infrastructure grant with North Dakota State Parks for the South Hill Complex. DesLauriers would like board approval to move forward on both grant applications.

Motion by Hovda, second by Emery to approve applications for Partners in Planning grant and the North Dakota Parks Infrastructure grant. Motion carried.

DesLauriers reported they had a good conference call with Senator Hoevens office regarding the Superfund Site. The next step is a conference call with EPA, City of Minot and representatives from Senator Hoevens office to review the work plan to move forward. The goal is to be able to do something with the property in the summer of 2022.

President Schmitt would like to see the staff price out items for the frisbee golf course. Commissioner Olson questioned if we could purchase the baskets in advance so they would be

ready for placement. Executive Director, Ron Merritt confirmed that he can approve spending up to \$50,000 to move forward with purchasing the baskets.

Youth Recreation Coordinator, Ann Neshiem reported that snow tube rentals have really picked up with the nice weather. They had over 125 tubes rented out on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported they are working with JLG on the public forums coming up on February 16 and 17. There will be a senior hour from 4pm-5pm on February 16 followed by a session for all ages from 5pm-7pm on February 16 and 17.

President Schmitt appointed Perry Olson, Ron Merritt, Jarrod Olson and Scott Collins to review the RFPs for summer baseball at Corbett Field.

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

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported they continue to work with the Greenway Task Force. Merritt reported they are going to set up a meeting with the bonding company for financing options for upcoming projects. Merritt also reported they are meeting on the new Tracks project along with the Big M building. They are proposing a TIFs district to help with the financing of the project. The EPIC group will be coming to the Minot Park Board to present their projects at a future date.

#### Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Olson reported on how nice it was to see activity at the golf course on Monday when school was out of session. Olson reported it is nice to have groups like the Minot Rotary Club that want to partner with the district and make more recreation opportunities.

Commissioner Schmitt thanked the staff for the efforts on snow removal and he received lots of great comments on how fast the walking paths were cleared and the cross-country trails groomed.

Motion by Olson, second by Hovda to adjourn. Motion carried,

Mike Schmitt, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk