

CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA
Scottsbluff City Hall Council Chambers
2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
PARK, CEMETERY, AND TREE BOARD



Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Dan at 5:59 PM

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act is posted on the bulletin board at the south wall of the Council Chambers.

Roll Call: Dan, Megan, Gene, Carolyn, Larry, and Kasandra Present. Ashlee Absent. City staff present Matt, Trevor, and Tevia.

Notice of changes in the agenda by the Park Board President: no changes

Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda: no one present

Minutes: motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2024 meeting Motion made by Carolyn, 2nd by Kasandra. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Larry provided financial reports

- a. Park Foundation – \$5,927.68
- b. Cemetery Foundation - \$440.23

Larry informed the group that there was a \$45 increase to the Park Foundation from the movie in the park event. Discussion turned to the Cemetery Fund and how it gains funds, Dan explained that in the past it was from private donations. Comments were made that nothing would be able to be requested with such a low amount in the account.

Motion made to accept the financial report by Carolyn, 2nd by Kasandra, motion carried.

Park and Cemetery Updates:

Matt

- Veterans Park – Contract approved and signed for Garcia & Sons to complete the bathroom renovation.
- Westmoor Park – The pickleball courts project was approved by city council on Monday. Will convert the 2 tennis courts to 6 pickleball courts with lighting and new fencing. Will also include additional work around the courts to make ADA compliant and improve player experience.
- Cleveland Field – Outfield fence bid was awarded to Van Pelt fencing. Will be a black vinyl coated fence with black slats. Work to begin November 18, 2024.

- Riverside Campground – Closed October 1st. Had a good season with revenue flat to last year. Bath house renovation will be this fall or early spring before the campground opens.
- Riverside Park – New shelter from the Kiwanis is up and was dedicated. Was on KNEB, good publicity for the park.
- Landers Soccer Complex – Coordinating new scoreboard project for WNFC, WNCC and the high school. Working with Ferguson to get estimates for installing new scoreboard and moving the existing one down to be used for the girl's high school games.
- Fence repairs have been completed at the Cemetery, Landers and Westmoor pool from the June storm damages.
- Cemetery – Tree workshop went well with a Honey Locust being brought down by Tree Monkeys during the demonstration. 6 trees from the grant were planted.
- NeRPA Conference – Attended in Columbus, NE and learned some new stuff for the parks and did some networking. Good event and looking forward to next year when it's in Kearney.

Carolyn asked about vandalism and how things have been going. Matt provided information on the Pioneer Park vandalism. Met with NPPD to change the lighting in the park to try to reduce these instances. Changing a couple of street lights in the park to more flood lights to try to increase the amount of light in the park, it is very dark.

Trevor

- Aerating all parks is done except Landers Soccer complex. Have to wait for WNCC soccer to finish either October 26th or November 2nd.
- Spent the last week and a half spraying broadleaf at all parks.
- Have been getting compost and will be ready to start applying to all parks after the fertilizer gets put down.
- Fertilizer has been purchased, will be delivered on Monday. Will start applying it right away and will take to Wednesday to complete.

Dan asked if they were behind in work, Trevor said that we are actually ahead of schedule and should be ready to start blowing out well before any freezing.

Other Business:

Introduction of Tevia Daly – Recreation & Events Supervisor – Tevia introduced herself and let the group know about what she has been working on. Talked about the Christmas Tree that was purchased for the plaza and the events that will take place around the lighting of the tree. We took over the Jingle Jog from the YMCA, event will piggyback with the Winter Market taking place downtown. She met with the Bands on Broadway group and will be more involved with them going forward. Discussed bringing back sports ran by the city, several options and will begin with softball in the spring. Park Board asked for her background and that was provided with the introduction of the Board members following.

Carolyn asked about bringing back Fall Harvest Fest. It was the best attended event and people really enjoyed it. Could look at charging \$1 admission or a free-will donation. It was a lot of work, but was a great event.

Rotary Funds for new park – Megan provided information that the Rotary Club gave permission for the Park Foundation to open a bank account for the funds to be housed for the new park.

A motion was made by Kasandra to allow Larry Cooper to open a bank account under the Park Foundation dedicated to for the use of building Cougar Park. Signatories to include Megan and Larry from the Park Foundation and Kendall Palu from the Rotary Club. 2nd By Carolyn. Motion carried.

New Business:

Parks & Recreation Logo – Matt started a discussion around the possible creation of a new logo for the Parks & Recreation Dept. He wanted to get input from the group and if they would be interested in funding the project. Discussed Brooke Samuelson doing the project at a cost of \$750. Kasandra discussed the option of opening it up to the public for designs and Gene talked about going through the Arts Center for designs. Megan suggested using the current city logo and modifying it for Parks use. Nothing was determined and discussion ended.

Schedule Next Meeting: Meeting will be December 11, 2024

Adjournment: Megan made motion to adjourn at 6:48 PM, 2nd by Larry. Motion carried.