

July 7, 2021

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending were President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, Members Poor, Adams, and Carpenter. Also attending was Superintendent Hanna.

The minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting was approved with a motion by Member Carpenter and seconded by Member Poor. All were in favor.

#### Old Business

**July 4th-** Supt. Hanna said it went well despite the hot temperatures. Vice President Selman reported that the Give-Away was slow and not near the number of people as usual. Member Poor felt that they couldn't have given away 400 hotdogs. They were able to give away all the Disc Golf discs. Hanna said the feedback has been good and the Mayor wanted to up the fireworks again next year. Hanna said they had many sponsors and Cameron Hospital was the main event sponsor. Vice President Selman asked if there were no shows for vendors. Hanna said there were several no shows due to not having workers to work them. Selman wanted to try the Hotdog Giveaway one more time to see if it goes better next year. Hanna said he would check and see what we did in 2019 and we would start there.

#### NEW BUSINESS

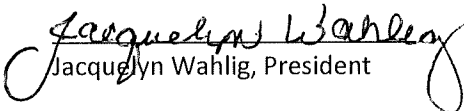
**Cars at Hubie** – Supt. Hanna reported that a group had contacted them about having classic cars at the park concerts. Hanna said he had mixed emotions on the subject. He didn't feel we needed anything to draw people to the concert. He stated the cars would need to be on the grass so that parking spaces in the lot weren't taken up by them. Hanna said if the Board wanted to have them at Hubie, he would find a place and make it work. The Board agreed that we should allow them on lawn but not advertise just in case nobody shows up.


**Center Lakes Property**– Supt. Hanna said that he had spoken to President Wahlig about this prior to the meeting but he had met with Nate Simmons of Blue Heron Ministries a week ago. Nate informed Hanna that his Board was ready to donate this to the Parks if they were willing to take it over. They still want to work with the park to control invasive species on the property. Hanna said he needed to find out what the annual cost of the invasive work would be. The parcel is 108 acres with easement to the property off 100N. This property does have access to Big Center Lake. Hanna feels this is a great opportunity to give something we don't currently offer, lake access to city residents. Hanna said it would require an annexation because it is out of the City Limits. He also stated that to improve the drive, create parking and a fishing dock, it would cost quite a bit of money. He feels if Blue Heron could wait, they could use the donation as the match for an LWCF Grant. This way no money would need to be spent. Unfortunately, it would be 2023 before that could happen. Hanna also suggested that the Cumulative Building Fund could be used instead as the match for the grant. That was the original purpose of the Fund was to use for times like this. Hanna said he had been in contact with Bob Bronson from the IDNR and he helped guide Hanna into the best possible scenario for this property. The application would be submitted in 2022 and the work could begin in 2023 if awarded the grant. Hanna said another thing on his list is to meet with the City's insurance provider about liability with lake access. Before putting time into these things, Hanna wanted to make sure none of the Board members had any reservations about obtaining this property. Vice President Selman made a motion that we move forward and get answers to some of these questions. Poor seconded the motion; all were in favor. Hanna said he would setup another meeting with Nate to discuss some of these possibilities and go from there.

**Budget 2022** – Supt. Hanna said that he also reached out to President Wahlig a week ago about an issue with this year's budget. Many things have gone up in price and Hanna felt to replenish his budget, they would have to postpone the Firemen's restroom once again. Hanna said if he budgeted for it in 2022, it would be done during the same time frame and ready by next year. Hanna said they didn't anticipate the rise in building

materials and would not have enough anyway. Hanna hopes by using that money for other anticipated 2022 costs, they wouldn't have to budget for those items next year. Hanna also stated that there has been a large increase for employees in various positions. This will increase our personal services costs for 2022. Hanna said some positions got 1%, such as his maintenance employees, up to 18% increases in some of the utility departments. Hanna said he had some concerns with this new salary ordinance and took those concerns to council. They did adjust one of the raises to be more in line with other departments, but Hanna said the Parks are now the lowest paid department in the city. Hanna said it was a hard pill to swallow but is grateful for his position and staff here. Hanna told Board Members to get him any wish list items before the end of the month. That is when the budget is due.

No further business, meeting adjourns 11:09am.

  
Jacquelyn Wahlig, President

  
Matt Hanna, Secretary