

July 5th, 2023

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 and Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva

The minutes of the May 3rd, 2023, were approved with a motion by member Poor and seconded by Vice President Selman. The minutes of June 7th, 2023, meeting were approved with a motion by member Adams and seconded by member Poor. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Hubie Concert-Tabitha said the concert had a great turnout. Hubie mentioned to her that he knew quite a few people that drove more than an hour to come. Tabitha stated she hasn't had a report on concessions but will get that to them as soon as they come in. Vice President Selman mentioned she heard from some people that it may have been the largest crowd at a concert in the park.

4th of July- Tabitha said the parade went well with her staff and summer rec kids. Vice President Selman mentioned they ran out of hotdogs and if we could do one more relish next year than we did this year. Hanna mentioned he saw many comments and posts on Facebook on how great the fireworks show was this year. Hanna reported APD mentioned having more police being required to work as it seems the crowd is just getting bigger and bigger every year. Hanna mentioned something major went wrong with our main restrooms. He would like to discuss in the future newer, larger restrooms because of event crowds getting bigger. It will be a big investment, but it will also include a bigger space to store our summer recreation supplies. Member Carpenter asked Hanna what he thought the estimate on the crowd was at the celebration. Matt answered maybe 8-10,000 people. Hanna mentioned the only downfall this year was kids/teens being disrespectful and hanging in the cemetery. Vice President Selman asked if we had APD monitoring Friendship Park, Hanna answered that it is on his critique for the future. Vice President Selman mentioned that we should add another banner for the hotdog tent, facing John St as well. Hanna mentioned clean up by our crew was done by 9:30am.

5 Year Master Plan- Hanna mentioned we were still working on getting surveys completed. July 27th is when the surveys will be going out in the utility bills, and he will be doing a live with Andy on the radio to talk about it.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Budget- Hanna mentioned the YMCA splash pad project will be included in this years' budget and the cause for most of the increase. We will be budgeting for another employee and maintenance costs for this facility. Hanna reported he has Bobby working on getting numbers on the maintenance side for trade-ins etc. Hanna mentioned whatever doesn't get done this year we will be putting into next year. Hanna asked if anyone could think of any significant items to be budgeted for, please let him know. Hanna explains some major projects would be the restrooms, friendship playground, just aging infrastructure in general. Hanna mentions still wanting to move forward with the Center Lake drive as well using our non-reverting money first. President Wahlig asked Hanna if the restrooms could be put in next year's budget. Hanna answered at this point it will be just getting numbers.

Lewis and Clark Circus- Tabitha reported tickets are for sale on their website. The show will be set up on Vanwagner ball field July 29th and 30th. Matt mentioned he will be on vacation.

No further business, Meeting adjourns 10:52am.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary