

Minutes
Cheney Park Board Commission
Regular Meeting

January 11, 2023

Commissioners Attending: Chris Hoppe, Kelley Cullen, Ron Valencia, Ryan Delaney, Chris Babcock, Jackie Randall, Savannah Youmans.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Kelly McGinley Ashe, Ethan Olson, Leslie Bridges.

Councilmembers Attending: Paul Schmidt.

Call to Order: Commissioner Hoppe called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the December 14, 2022 regular meeting were approved by Commissioner Valencia and Commissioner Cullen.

Information Items:

- A. WPLL/Avista Park Lighting – Ms. McGinley Ashe reported that our department was approached by WPLL on behalf of one of their coaches, who works for Avista, regarding the installation of LED ballfield lights with an upside shield and timers. All the supplies would be donated and Avista would work with our light department for installation. Commissioner Hoppe inquired about a rule for ballfield lights to be turned off as EWU has hard rule on lights out. Councilmember Schmidt stated that that the City pushes for a dark sky for lights out rule.
- B. Dog Park Updates – Councilmember Schmidt stated that the fabric has been laid at the north end of the park and as soon as weather permits the contractors can move forward. Councilmember Schmidt recommended that the Park Board and the Dog Park Committee continue researching amenities for the park.
- C. Park Director Position – Councilmember Schmidt stated that this position is a carry-over from last years budget as the position was not filled last year. The original position was for a project manager. This position will help with all the parks projects that are in the works such as the 50-acre park, new pool and the dog park. The HR department is currently reviewing a job description and then the City can place an advertisement in the paper as early as late winter or early spring. Commissioner Babcock inquired about Ms. McGinley Ashes' job duties and how this new position would affect her job duties. Ms. McGinley Ashe stated that she is the Recreation Director and oversees the recreation side of the parks and recreation department.
- D. Hagelin Park Bathroom – Councilmember Schmidt stated we are the top of the cement contractors list for the cement pour. Delay has been due to weather and the water lines need to be moved north to accommodate the new pool layout. After the water lines are moved and the cement is poured then the restroom can be placed.

Citizen Participation: Keith Comes & Brooke Hanley with NAC

Action Items:

- A. VOTE on Aquatic Center Amenities – NAC presented 2 different options to be voted on, one being an estimated 10 million and the other being an estimated 12 million. A list of other flexible menu options were also presented for review and vote. These are amenities that the public expressed interest in on our last surveys. NAC noted the differences between the 2 options referring to the graphic boards stating that one of the main differences between the 2 options is the water filtration systems/tanks. The 12 million option would run off of 2 different tanks and that would allow us to keep one pool open if the other pool needs maintenance, so there would be no interruption of programs. The Park Board members and NAC engaged in discussion of menu options for each scenario. Councilmember Schmidt stated that he recommended we move forward with both options adding a 1 million contingency fund to each option to present to City Council also stating that we could find other ways to buy that down with REET funds, etc. NAC recommended we present this as part of the feasibility study. Commissioner Chair Hoppe motioned to present the 2 proposals inclusive of the contingency costs and feasibility study to City Council for consideration. Commissioner Youmans motioned to approve both options and present to City Council, Commissioner Valencia seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tree Board Business: None.

Commissioner Reports: None.

Staff Reports: Mr. Olson reported that he met with Tim Kennedy at the Cheney School District regarding partnering with us to build a tennis/pickleball court at the 50-acre park. Commissioner Hoppe inquired if Mr. Olson had reached out to other agencies for support. Commissioner Hoppe stated that he believes an indoor court would be beneficial and that EWU would possibly like to be involved with this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved By:

Leslie Bridges, Administrative Clerk

Chris Hoppe, Chairman