

**Cameron Park Board Meeting**  
December 6, 2016  
6:00 pm  
Cameron City Hall

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**Members Present:**

Chairman – Bill Gimson  
Al Briggs  
Cory Brown  
Ruth Hammontree  
Carrie Sybert – arrive 6:06pm  
Richard Whalen

**Members Absent:**

Wendy Cople  
Jennifer Helmich  
Jason Jones

**Others Attending:**

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director  
Steve Garr  
Annette Bauer – Cameron Newspaper

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Approval of June 23, 2016 Minutes**

A quorum from the June 23, 2016 meeting was not present to approve the minutes. The June 23, 2016 minutes will be placed on the January agenda for approval.

**Approval of September 22, 2016 Minutes**

A quorum from the September 22, 2016 meeting was not present to approve the minutes. The September 22, 2016 minutes will be placed on the January agenda for approval.

**Approval of October 27, 2016 Minutes**

Minutes were not placed in the packet prior to the meeting. The October 27, 2016 minutes will be placed on the January agenda for approval.

**Public Participation**

None

**Treasurer's Report**

No comment.

**Director/Foreman's Report**

**Christmas Lighted Parade**

The Chamber Christmas Lighted Parade was held on November 26, 2016 and started and ended in Recreation Park. The lighting ceremony went very well. A few minor changes have been discussed and planned for next year's event. Next year, the hope is to have continuous lighting throughout the Park.

There was more lights installed this year than other years in the past. Multiple departments helped put up the lights in the parks. Everything was stored and labeled so they went up easily and was well organized.

#### **Ice Rink**

The Ice Rink will be installed soon and will be ready for use when the weather allows.

#### **Park Valley Restrooms**

There has been interest from WSKF in doing the design for the new restroom facility.

Mr. Bontrager stated that a metal frame, pole barn, building is still a possibility for the facility.

John Feighert stated that he would like the current structure added onto instead of a new building.

Ms. Sybert stated that there is a small window of time where the volunteer contractor can tear down the current structure for free.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the cost to tear down the existing structure would be approximately \$6,000 for demolition and haul off.

Ms. Sybert stated that if the Board had a time frame to build, the contractor can go ahead and tear down the structure and go without the facility for a short time.

Mr. Whalen stated that he would like to talk to the school district to see if they are in agreement with building a new restroom facility.

Mr. Garr recommended putting out bids for a different style of building to see what the cost would be as something needs to be done with the current facility.

Mr. Bontrager stated that a new concept can be put together within a few weeks.

Mr. Brown stated that he would not like to tear down the current facility until there is a plan in place. He suggested putting together a plan on a pole barn structure.

Mr. Brown would like to have the plans sent out as bids and see what comes back as a better price.

#### **Old Business**

##### **A: Ball Field Agreement**

Mr. Brown stated that the school district has requested a few changes to the Ball Field Agreement.

The Ball Field Committee will meet again to discuss and make the requested changes.

An update will be provided at the January meeting.

#### **New Business**

##### **A: Ball Field and Aquatic Facility Improvements**

Mr. Brown asked when the request for a tax needs to be presented to Council to be placed on the April ballot.

Mr. Bontrager stated that it needs to be placed on Council's agenda immediately if that is the route the Board would like to take.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the Department of Justice is looking to see that there is reasonable progress being made on the aquatic facility issues. The toilets, showers and sinks are the items left to be fixed.

Mr. Brown asked if it would be wise to go ahead and remodel the bathhouse only as it needs to be done and is in the plans.

Mr. Bontrager asked if the Board would like to keep the remodel/renovation discussion on the agenda for the future.

The Board would like to keep the item on the agenda for now.

Ms. Hammontree stated that she feels that the Board is at an impasse and that the only option is to move forward in some capacity. To do anything at the aquatic facility, money is needed. It is the community's responsibility to make Cameron better. The issue will have to be placed on the ballot and the community will have to decide the future of the aquatic facility.

Chairman Gimson stated that the money in the general fund has other needs instead of the pool.

Mr. Brown stated that he would like to go through the work session minutes at the January meeting and have the Board come to a decision.

#### **B: 2017 YMCA Aquatic Facility Management**

The YMCA has expressed interested in managing the Aquatic Facility again for 2017.

Chairman Gimson stated that he would like to continue the partnership with the YMCA.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the contract is the same as 2016 and that the only thing changed was the dates.

*Ms. Briggs made a motion to enter into an agreement with the YMCA for management of the aquatic facility for the 2017 year; seconded by Mr. Brown. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

#### **Miscellaneous**

##### **Positive Aspects**

Cameron was featured in a St. Joseph News press opinion article about the Community Betterment Award and the positive aspects in Cameron.

##### **Adjourn**

*Ms. Hammontree made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.*

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2017 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 pm.

*Chris Martin*

*Secretary Recorder*

*Cameron, MO 64429*

*Bill Gimson*      *1/26/17*