

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
April 17, 2019

The Parks & Recreation Board met in regular session Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., at Gates Memorial Hall 825 15th Street, Nevada, Iowa. The agenda was posted on April 11, 2019, on the official bulletin board in compliance with the open meeting law.

Glen Miller called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. The following named members were present and absent. Present: Karen Selby, Deb Parker, Mark Cahill, Justin Gross, Laura Kiesling, Glen Miller. Absent: Linda Griffith. Others present included: Tim Hansen, Rhonda Maier, Erin Mousel, and Mayor Brett Barker.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Selby, to **approve the agenda**. After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kiesling, Miller. Nays: none.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Cahill, to **approve the consent agenda**. After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kiesling, Miller. Nays: none.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review and Appropriate Follow-up for Purchase of Field Groomer.

This piece of equipment would be used for regular day-to-day field maintenance/grooming. In particular, this groomer would be smaller than anything we currently have, would be more versatile, and has the option of adding a laser grading attachment. Overall this would enhance our ability to take care of all of the baseball/softball fields. In the past we have contracted the grading of the fields to the I-Cubs, at a cost of \$2800.00 for the four fields at SCORE. There is an option to purchase another model (Toro), closer to us; however, it does not offer the option of adding the laser grading attachment. There are funds budgeted to cover this purchase, with the goal of having this prior to the national tournament in July.

Motion by Board Member Kiesling, seconded by Board Member Cahill, to **accept staff's recommendation for the purchase of the ABI Force Field Groomer from ABI Sports Turf (Mishawaka, IN) at a cost of \$33,233.00**. After due consideration and discussion the

question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kiesling, Miller. Nays: none.

B. Review and Appropriate Follow-up for Purchase of Truck for Parks Department.

Currently, we have a 2005 ¾ ton Dodge Ram with a flatbed and plow. It is programmed into the budget to replace this truck with a ¾ ton extended cab model. Stivers Ford was the state bid; however, Ames Ford was able to beat that bid. Once the truck is purchased it will be equipped with a plow (for snow removal) and a lift gate system (for various loading/unloading tasks). Ford and Chevrolet were the only considerations as Dodge does not make an extended cab option.

Motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Gross, to **accept staff's recommendation for the purchase of a 2019 F250 Extended Cab truck at a cost of \$30,509.00 from Ames Ford.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kiesling, Miller. Nays: none.

C. Discussion Regarding Columbarium Niche Opening/Closing Fee for Weekends and Holidays and Appropriate Follow-up.

As Kerin is in the process of updating the City's fee appendix, it was suggested that we incorporate a weekend/holiday rate for a Columbarium opening/closing. Currently, all opening/closing fees during normal business hours are included in the purchase price of a columbarium. With the large increase in cremation burials, it is important to cover these extra costs. A typical opening/closing on a weekend/holiday takes about 2-4 hours of overtime, depending on the family and service. To help cover this cost, we would propose a \$100.00 fee for the opening/closing of the Columbarium on weekends/holidays.

Motion by Board Member Selby, seconded by Board Member Kiesling, to **establish a weekend/holiday fee of \$100.00 for a Columbarium opening/closing.** After due consideration and discussion the question was put upon the motion and the roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kielsing, Miller. Nays: none.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

Tim Hansen reported on the following:

- After about 3 weeks, the electrical issues at the Cemetery have been resolved.
- The new block markers for the Cemetery are in. Hopefully they will be up within the week.
- The City is working with others in the community on branding.

Mayor Barker thanked the board members for serving and providing input/guidance to park/rec/cemetery operations.

Rhonda Maier reported on the following:

- Baseball started April 15th.
- Softball starts April 22nd.
- Met with Ames CVB regarding the National Tournament. Things are coming along great.
- Nevada Rotary Club helped with landscaping at the aquatic center on 4/17.
- High school students will be at the aquatic center on 4/19 to volunteer.

OTHER:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Board Member Parker, seconded by Board Member Griffith to adjourn. The roll being called, the following named Board Members voted. Ayes: Selby, Parker, Cahill, Gross, Kielsing, Miller. Nays: none. Whereupon the motion was declared and carried and at 5:50 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Erin Mousel, Secretary

Deb Parker