



Minutes of Parks Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12th, 2024  
Council Chambers  
5:00PM

Those in attendance were:

Judd Hart, Chair  
Junior Rodemeyer, Staff Liaison  
Tom Farmer, Mayor  
Frank Baptist  
Bill Donner  
Evelyn Reed

Steve Brown  
Jeff Morrow  
Jeff Hamm  
Ann Spencer-Cole  
Shane Knight

The Parks Committee met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Council Chambers and agreed to the following.

Chairman Hart moved to the approval of the February 13th, 2024, minutes. Alderman Morrow made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Maintenance Work Truck RFP – Rodemeyer stated that we advertised an RFP and received one bid from Everett for a 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 truck that would replace one of the maintenance trucks. The truck that is being replaced will be put in an auction. The price of the new truck is \$42,500. Alderman Morrow made a motion to approve the maintenance truck RFP with the lowest bid amount from Everett. Alderman Hamm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Sunset Lake Bridge Repair RFP – Rodemeyer advised that the sub joist that the decking attaches to is rotted out. We had an RFP advertised and received three bids. The lowest bid received is from JCON Construction at \$64,476. Alderman Knight made a motion to accept the lowest bid from JCON Construction. Alderwoman Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Synthetic Ice Rink RFP – Rodemeyer reported that we advertised an RFP and received two bids. Rodemeyer stated that the lowest bid is from Skate Room Inc. Rodemeyer reported that Mayor Farmer asked us to investigate getting a longer term for the rental in an attempt to receive a better rate. Rodemeyer stated that Skate Room Inc. came back with a rate of \$36,954.00 which will be locked in for a 3-year contract. We are also extending the items we receive with the rink and the length of time we have the rink. The second bid amount

was for \$66,000 from a company in Florida. Alderman Hamm made a motion to approve the RFP bid from Skate Room Inc. Alderman Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Sunset Park Perimeter Fence RFP – Rodemeyer advised that we received three bids for the project. The highest bid was \$33,000, the next bid was \$25,000, and the lowest bid was from Fort Smith LLC at \$21,000. Rodemeyer advised that we want to block off the front part of the Sunset Lake Park property to prevent vandals or anyone from dumping illegally. It is a black chain link fence like all other fencing in the park. Alderman Brown made a motion to approve. Alderman Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Stageline SL100 Mobile Stage – Rodemeyer advised that this is the stage that we have been working with Farmer’s Bank & Trust. Farmer’s Bank & Trust has agreed to sponsor half the cost of the stage. The timeline for the stage delivery is about 8-10 months so we are asking to waive competitive bidding and declare an emergency for the purchase of the stage. The total cost of the stage is \$186,275. Alderman Hamm made a motion to approve. Alderman Brown seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the emergency clause. Alderman Hamm made a motion to approve without the emergency clause. Alderman Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Hart moved on to Other – Rodemeyer advised that Ralph Buche Park poured footings for the amphitheater last week. The Mountain Bike Park is getting closer to completion. Four shipping containers have been put in place along with two fly over features and wood jumps. The Main Hub starting point for the upper portion of the bike park is the next big item that needs to be put in place. Parks will be hosting Special Olympics Cheer and Basketball at River Center March 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. We have our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick’s Day 5k and Fun Run on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We have 105 participants in the 5k and 51 in the Fun Run. Aquatics will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Easter Egg Hunt on March 30<sup>th</sup>. River Center will be closed on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for Easter Sunday. Rodemeyer also went over program numbers that have seen an increase and praised the staff for their hard work.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.