

Minot Park Board Meeting

September 18, 2018

The Minot Park Board met on September 18, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Community Room at the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Members present: Cliff Hovda, Chuck Emery, Mike Schmitt, Perry Olson and Steve Wharton. Also present were Ron Merritt and Elly DesLauriers.

The public hearing was opened for the 2019 budget. There being no personal appearances. Motion by Emery second by Schmitt to adopt the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$11,162,764.00 and to pass an place on the first reading Ordinance #246 to levy taxes for the 2019 Budget. On roll call, all members voted yes.

The second reading of the budget will be on October 2 at 4pm in the Community Room of the Minot Municipal Auditorium.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to approve the minutes for the August 21, 2018 Minot Park Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Schmitt to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,780,646.90. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Motion by Wharton, second by Emery to approve the salaries in the amount of \$363,909.87. On roll call, all members voted yes.

Financials

President Hovda reported he had been contacted by the Minot Park District auditors and was very pleased with the administration staffs operations of the financials and the result of the audit.

Department Head Reports

Director of Operations, Jarrod Olson reported they are continuing to work on plans for the outdoor recreation area. Roosevelt Park Zoo Director, Becky Dewitz reported the walls are up in the new tiger exhibit. Maysa Arena Manager, Bob Gillen reported they are busy flooding the Eck Rink after the pancake breakfast. He also reported they will be welcoming the USA Sled Hockey Team on October 11-13. Maintenance Superintendent, Brian Mathson reported they are continuing to shut down splash pads and install shade structures at Jack Hoeven Baseball Complex. Forester, Brian Johnson is already taking calls for 2019 Boulevard trees.

New Business

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the Roosevelt Park Playground Project. Motion carried.

Old Business

Executive Director, Ron Merritt reported they have been working with Anderson, Wade, and Whitty on the estimate for the expansion of the Oak Park Amphitheater. They will communicate the estimates with the user groups and see how they would like to proceed.

Merritt reported they are still gathering information from other park districts on their board structures and reports. They will continue to gather information and bring it to the board for discussion.

Merritt provided an update on the possibility of combining parks and recreation. Both Merritt and Scott Collins met with recreation staff to answer questions and concerns. They will report to the board when the next meeting is scheduled. Commissioner Emery reported that it would be good to have official record moving forward for the recreation commission employees of their benefits and salaries. Merritt reported this is something they have been working on internally and will have more information at the October board meeting.

Minot Park's Attorney Pete Hankla presented the revisions to the Magic City Discovery Centers agreement between the Minot Park District and the City of Minot. Discussion was held on the presented revisions.

Motion by Emery, second by Wharton to move forward with the agreement and the presented revisions and to give Executive Director Ron Merritt and President Hovda the authority to move ahead with approval of the final agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Emery, second by Olson to approve the administratively approved alcohol permits. Motion carried.

Merritt presented his Executive Directors Report. Merritt reported on the Woodland Trail phase two, the Minot Fun zone, Hay Days Festival and progress of the flood control project along the Souris Valley Golf Course.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Emery said thank you to our staff and facilities for all their work in the summer of 2018. Commissioner Wharton also said thank you to staff for their efforts. Commissioner Olson wanted to follow up on the Minot Park Staff Christmas Party that will be held on December 29 inside the Community Foundation Room at the Maysa Arena.

Motion by Wharton, second by Emery to Adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Cliff Hovda, President

Elly DesLauriers, Clerk