

City Council Minutes - Special Meeting

Meeting date:

Monday, June 29, 2020

The meeting was called to order in the Council meeting room at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor J.D. Hegwood. Present were J.D. Hegwood, Roberto Holguin, Armando Gonzalez, Brian Kroth, Lance DeLissa, and George Lucas. Also present were City Administrator Dean Cordes and City Clerk Janet Gleason. Visitors were Bobbi Allison, Kimberly Stevens, Lance Kane, Tracy King, Frank Penner, Crys Ackerman, Brad Ackerman.

Mayor Hegwood opened the meeting with a request for opening the bids for the Cedar Street water project.

Cordes opened the following sealed bids:

Underground Specialists, Garden City, KS: \$318,460.50-excavation

Franks Plumbing, Montezuma KS: \$327,650.60-excavation

\$280,881.60—with directional drilling

King Enterprises, Liberal KS: \$314,527.50-excavation

DeLissa asked if, in theory, directional drilling would tear up less of the street and Cordes responded “yes”. He asked if there were any long-term negatives with using directional drilling as opposed to excavation. Kroth stated he was not aware of any long-term negatives to the method. Kroth recommended boring because there is less disturbance and it is cheaper. DeLissa asked if there would be more expense or labor on the City’s part with this method than the others. Kroth responded it should not be any different. Kroth motioned, seconded by Gonzalez to accept the bid from Frank’s Plumbing in the amount of \$280,881.60. Motion carried. DeLissa asked if this would come from the water improvement fund. Cordes said it would and there is enough money in the fund to cover the cost.

Stevens requested more information from the Council regarding the Splash Pad. What is it, where is it going to be, what is it going to cost, who is paying for it, who is going to maintain it? She stated, “as taxpayers we want to know what is going on”. Cordes was approached by the Recreation Commission regarding the possibility of a Splash Pad being in the city park. The idea was presented to Council and they were in favor of it. DeLissa stated that “basically the County Recreation funds are paying for it and the City agreed to help install it and maintain it”. C. Ackerman asked why the cost was so high. Stevens reviewed all the research she had done regarding the funds and budget of the Recreation Commission and questioned where the funds are coming from. She asked if there were figures for the cost of maintaining it. Cordes said the city park employees will take care of daily maintenance as part of their regular duties and city liability insurance will cover it at no additional cost to the city. It will not require a lifeguard. DeLissa explained that it will have a button with a timer that will turn the water on and off and the water will drain down into a tank. It will not just run all the time. C. Ackerman asked about leaves and he stated there is a drain cover and the city park worker will be checking it. Stevens asked about the filtration system. DeLissa said it is self-contained, similar to pool systems. It will have a flow meter and chemical in the tank will be monitored. Stevens then asked why the one at Fowler is so much cheaper. Cordes said he was told that the one at Fowler was a smaller version of the Meade design. Stevens then again pressed Cordes for costs regarding the maintenance and asked why the Recreation Commission does not just put all this money into the city pool and serve everyone or put the splash pad attached to the pool. Kroth stated that it could not be tied into the pool system it is self-contained with its own filtration system. It really does not need much

maintenance – it only holds 600 gallons of water. Stevens stated “we have gone to the Rec Commission several times and asked for adult programs and now we are getting another \$50,000.00 thrown at a kiddie pool thing. That is taxpayer money and we have taken the time to come to meetings and give them ideas. And ideas that are not even going to cost that much. We just want to be judicial about where we put this money and that is it going to be beneficial to more people.” Gleason commented that the benefit of the pad not being connected to the pool makes it available days and hours when the pool is not open, and it would be an addition to the City park that might draw more visitors to the community. It is a way for the Recreation Commission to provide an activity for kids that are not old enough for other recreation programs.

Stevens asked the council to encourage the Recreation Commission to do something for adults.

Motion by Gonzalez second by DeLissa to adjourn the meeting and move to the City Park.

Mayor Hegwood called the meeting to order at the City Park Shelter house. Possible locations were plotted to avoid any interruption of the activity on the Disk Golf Course. Council viewed, measured, and discussed the pros and cons of the following locations as well as the location of lights, water, and electric sources.

Southwest of the shelter house

South of the shelter house

West of the play equipment

North of the City Pool

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is scheduled for July 13 and there was discussion regarding the timeframe for installation. Cordes said the Recreation Commission would like to have it available for use before the end of the summer season and he was not sure how long it would take to get it in and schedule the installation. Consensus of the council was to go ahead and vote on the location.

Motion by Lucas, seconded by Gonzalez to vote on the location of a Splash Pad at the City Park. Motion carried with all in favor

Motion by Kroth, seconded by Gonzalez to place the Splash Pad just west of the playground equipment. Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Gonzalez, seconded by Lucas to adjourn. Motion carried with all in favor.

ATTEST:

J.D. Hegwood, Mayor

Janet Gleason, Clerk