

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
November 9, 2015
6:00 PM
1st committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Taft Matney and Bob Cook. Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

Fire Chief Bill Stewart was introduced.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt
2. Public comment.- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- The October 5th minutes were approved by motion from Councilman Matney and second by Councilman Cook. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.

Van reported that All-Stars is going on. He thanked Willie, Bart and Amanda for their work on football and cheerleading. The Seniors went on an overnight camp trip.
5. Unfinished business
 - a. Sports Center survey- Van said about 20 surveys have been returned so far.
 - b. Publicizing Recreation programs- We are looking at a PR company for city-wide achievements. This is on the agenda for PEDC because they will be working on social media and city publicizing. The Sports Center will be a big part of it. This promotion should help boost membership. Councilman Matney said he would like to see this item forwarded to full council because it is city-wide. Chairman Merritt said he is not against this, but the standing committee rules say recreation and public relations fall under recreation. If we don't follow the rules, how can we expect anyone else to? Councilman Matney said it was brand procurement and identification, not just public relations. Chairman Merritt said he wants it to be properly slotted.
 - c. Review of facilities- Van said he talked to Mike McAlister regarding the leaking roof at the Senior Center. Mr. McAlister is waiting on bids. Van said that Davis Bacon has scared some contractors off. This is a project using federal money, so there are hoops to jump through.

The new security lights at the sports center are great. Chairman Merritt said he has talked to Trey and Van about putting them on a timer. That will be looked at.

Procurement of new playground equipment at Sunset Park continues. Some drawings should be sent in the near future.

There is a cultural center board meeting Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Merritt will be in attendance letting them know council is behind them. The subfloor and moisture barrier at the cultural center hallway are being worked on now. The project will be completed by the 20th, before the holidays begin.

The Senior Center tv is hard to watch and faded. The exercise equipment should be moved out. It is more for home use and was donated to the Center. Chairman Merritt said the treadmill and bicycles are heavily used.

An air horn has been put in the center downstairs instead of security cameras in case someone has an emergency. Chairman Merritt said if someone falls out, they can't get to an air horn.

City Center Drive- Chairman Merritt asked if some parking could be put behind the Veteran's Memorial and a playground where the cannery used to be. We are lucky to have the Methodist Church parking, but we can't depend on that all the time. Trey said the Jay Martin is looking at parking at the cultural center. Councilman Cook asked about the side of the cultural center. Trey said Jay is updating the design and that will be part of the public works committee because we want county transportation money to pay for that since it is public parking. Chairman Merritt said he would like to keep the other parking because we are looking at only netting 16 spaces, which is not a lot. Chairman Merritt said he thinks when you look at the broken asphalt and tree roots, this may not be classified as repaving, but may be a major repair project.

The mural is still being discussed and worked on and the artist is still planning to work on December 5th. A drawing will be sent to council before the November council meeting.

What do we want out of Pine Forest Park? Councilman Matney said that is a neighborhood park that we annexed. We can't get too involved without changing the characteristics. Councilman Cook said we just need to make sure it is kept up. Trey said this was annexed in 2007. After that, we invested \$58,000 in PARD grant money for trails and then additional money for playground equipment and updating the basketball court.

6. New business

- a. Take Heart Church rental- This church would like to rent the auditorium and two classrooms at the cultural center. The agreement is very similar to those at the Senior Center. The church is responsible for set-up. Chairman Merritt said he has requested the tenant occupancy agreement as well as the inspection reports. Councilman Matney made a motion to send this to the full council pending all information is received. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).
- b. Springfield Park improvements Bid Award – Civil Engineering- 4 bids were received for engineering work. The low bid is \$11,600, American Engineering Consultants. Councilman Cook made a motion to send this to full council. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).
- c. Future plans- This item was discussed earlier.
- d. Concerns for Emergency Medical Availability- There was an incident with a travel team where one of our kids traveled to another place and broke his ankle. He had to stay out of town for three days because of the lack of medical transport.

Councilman Matney said we have to make sure that we keep our kids safe and make sure that where we are sending the kids has emergency medicine available. Our new Fire Chief is part of the ERT team and can look into this issue.

Councilman Matney also mentioned that some visitors to our city made some threats to city staff that required law enforcement. This is unacceptable.

Councilman Matney said our emergency medical personnel were very fast responding when they were needed.

7. Public comment.
8. Committee concerns.
9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk