

MONTHLY MEETING
October 9th, 2023

Present: Seim, Syrup, Irvine, Praska, Stromberg
City Members: Milo Irvine
Absent: M. Hell
Meet Called to Order by: Ashley Seim

Budget Approved: 1- D. Irvine 2- Y. Syrup Carried

Old business

Park Signs

No new updates; Josh will revisit park signs this month. He will look at ordering through amazon and present examples and prices for the November meeting

Pool Work

Pool repairs are tentatively scheduled for the the week of October 15th. Misty is waiting to hear back on an exact time and day. She is having a hard time getting in contact with them whether though call or email as they often don't reply or call back. She will continue to try make contact to ensure the repairs take place this fall. In preparing for winter, Misty will talk with My Aquatic Systems and area pool managers to check on closing procedures. The topic of an empty pool v a pool left with water in it was brought up at the September meeting.

Community Center Update

Met with city council members to explore options on financing the community center. No definitive solutions were decided but topics discussed included sales tax increase, the city bonding money and contacting area entities. Further discussions will need to take place.

Met with FCHC Board of Directors and gave a presentations. Present sub committee members felt positive about the boards response. Further discussions will need to take place

Met with Ice Engineer from Foss on Friday, Sept. 29th. Jon Markusen, Billy Thompson, Andy Gire and Misty Praska were present. No definitive answers were given while meeting but we will hear back from Foss on thoughts about our current ice plant being able to be moved to the new facility. While the ice plant is fairly new, it will still need to be determined how much life is left and whether it can be reused.

Met with Collier Financial - Misty had a video conference with Collier Finanical (John Lundby) to discuss ways they can help us finance the community center. This company helped Valley City finance the community center they have. MIsty will continue to work with John to explore options.

Donor Supper scheduled for Nov 8th has been postponed - sub committee feels we need more information to better answer any questions potential donors may have

Dog Park Update

160 ft of fencing has been purchased for dog park. Misty will check with the City Council after they meet on 10/10 to determine if they are able to contribute more to the remaining fencing needs.

NEW BUSINESS

Splash Pad Placement Decision

Members looked at locations prior to the October meeting. Three locations were discussed. 1. on the northeast side of Zimmerman Field, 2. centrally located just north of flag pole, 3. South of the complex nearest comfort station at East Meadow Campground. All present members agreed on spot 1 as being the best option.

Motion to Approve Spot #1 1. D Irvine 2. Y. Syrup

Fall Clean Up Work

Baseball Boosters will take down the batting cage. It was discussed at a prior meeting to get a storage bin for the netting. Brett Omdahl suggested storing the batting cage netting inside the dugout. This has been done in Fordville for several years and they haven't had any issues. It will be sheltered inside and off the ground. Ashley will contact Brett to let him know the park board is okay with this decision.

Outdoor Rink Plan

Misty talked with Jesse Irvine about the company to use to order a new liner for the outdoor ice rink. Jesse did not recall the company he used. Duane and Stefan looked at the rink boards in storage and determined the brand was Nice Rink. Nice Rink has 3 liner options. Liner #3 is meant for parks and recreational use. The total is \$1,992.77 after shipping.

Misty will ask Duane and Stefan if they are able to set up the outdoor hockey rink boards and talk with the fire department to coordinate a time to fill the rink to make ice. If they are unable to, alternate arrangements will be made.

Motion to Approve LIner: 1. J. Stromberg 2. D. Irvine

Flag at Complex

Flag will be removed within the next month for the winter and replaced in the spring. It was agreed that we would like to keep the flag in good condition when the complex is not being used. Misty will take down and store.

Employee Wage

A wage discrepancy was brought up on behalf of Duane Berg and another employee. The discrepancy was by \$2.00/hour. After discussion, it was determined that this was an oversight and Duane Berg will receive a raise to match; Duane Berg will also receive backpay for hours

worked starting May 1st to October 9th. Misty will talk with HMR to determine how this will work best.

Motion to Approve Increase Employee Wage and Provide Backpay 1. D Irvine 2. J. Stromberg
Motion to Approve Bills 1. D. Irvine 2 Y. Syrup

OPEN DISCUSSION

Park Board Wages

Dante Irvine would like his yearly wage to go toward Frisbee Golf Course; the amount is believed to be \$300. Ashley will talk with Amy to determine exact amount. Misty will be pay park board members their yearly earnings after the wage is determined,