

PARK BOARD

July 13, 2015

The July 13, 2015 Park Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kenneth Wessler, Chairman. Park Board members present were Jon Blackburn, Paul Huffman, Jack Leonard, Rick Roberts, Kip Wentling, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Scott Washburn, Mayor; Randy Moore, Parks Manager; Matt Patchett, Parks Department; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The following bills were presented:

	<u>PARK</u>	<u>POOL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
AT & T			273.50
AT & T	47.68		719.12
AT & T	80.00		1422.23
Automated Petroleum	351.95		615.07
Ballreich's Potato Chips & Snacks		260.10	
Brown Supply Co.	104.56		
First Aid Now		232.18	
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.	49.90		
HD Supply	99.95		
Noble Americas	569.23	384.68	13863.06
OP Aquatics		964.70	
Peacock Water Conditioning	6.50		
PERS			46419.23
PFDPF			20530.58
Randy Moore	125.00		
Schwan's Home Service, Inc.		772.67	
Service Supply Ltd.	1081.00		
The Sherwin Williams Co.		<u>29.99</u>	
Total	<u>2515.77</u>	<u>2644.32</u>	<u>83842.79</u>

TOTAL BILLS: \$89,002.88

A motion was made by Mr. Wentling, seconded by Mr. Leonard, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$89,002.88. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Matt Patchett, Parks Department employee, addressed the Park Board requesting a clarification on City employees' salaries. Mr. Patchett indicated that he has been here longer than some of the other service department employees and those employees are currently being paid more per hour than Mr. Patchett. Mr. Moore noted that the Park Board approved a pay increase for Mr. Patchett at the May 11, 2015 Park Board meeting and after that date an additional pay increase was given to newer service department employees by the Service Committee. Mr. Wessler stated that the Park Board has no control over what pay raises other committees give to their employees.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Roberts, to enter into an executive session to discuss employee wages. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairman declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Park Board reconvened into regular session.

Park Board members indicated that they will be meeting with the members of the Service Committee and Safety Committee in the future to discuss employees' wages as part of the 2016 budget.

Mr. Wentling noted that there was another incident with the individual who drives their golf cart thru Stepping Stones Park as they interrupted a wedding party being photographed on the walking bridge to drive their golf cart across the bridge. It was noted that the Police Department has followed this individual on occasion. Mayor Washburn will talk with Chief Olds and Captain Ross about the situation.

Mr. Moore was asked if the bottom step on the bleachers at the Bandshell in Harrison Smith Park has been repaired as it was loose. Mr. Moore indicated that it has been repaired.

Mr. Roberts reported that a husband and wife attended the July 6, 2015 City Council meeting concerning the low head dam and the recent drownings that occurred there. Mr. Roberts noted that Waterworks Park never had a canoe take out and it will not have one because the City does not want people to put their canoes in the river at this location.

Mr. Wentling reported that there was a recent home swim team meet and the restrooms in the bathhouse were uncleanly. Mayor Washburn will discuss the matter with Mrs. Marla Ritter, Pool Manager.

Mayor Washburn reported that the engineer is currently preparing the plans for the bathhouse renovation. Construction on this project is expected to begin in the fall.

Mr. Wessler indicated that the the Elks is willing to donate money next year towards the purchase of pool passes for those who can't afford it.

Mr. Wessler requested a sign be posted on the fence at the swimming pool indicating when the pool is open. Mrs. Marla Ritter will be informed of this request.

Mr. Moore reported that an insurance agent conducted an inspection last month of the parks and playgrounds and it has been suggested that plastic timbers be purchased and placed around the playground areas to hold the rubber mulch in. Mr. Moore noted that this purchase will be costly for the City. Mr. Moore also noted that the insurance company will conduct safety inspections of the parks at a cost of \$400.00 per park. Park Board members requested an inquiry be made with Mr. Mark Ellis, Law Director, as to the state and local requirements.

Mayor Washburn inquired about the softball leagues that play in Harrison Smith Park. Mr. Moore indicated that everything went well with the girls fast pitch league; and the church and co-ed leagues are still playing.

Mr. Roberts reported on an incident that occurred at the Water Tower Park during a softball game and the police were called. It was noted that the league did a good job handling the situation.

Park Board members discussed the possibility of installing a permanent fence at the softball field to the east of the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park as a possible future project.

Mr. Leonard commented on the nice work done recently repaving the streets in the north end of the City.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kenneth Wessler, Chairman