

**Minutes  
Recreation Committee  
October 1, 2018  
6:00 PM  
4th committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Carol King and Taft Matney. Interim City Administrator Bryan Turner, Interim Assistant City Administrator Van Broad, and Joe Lanahan, Recreation Director were also present.**

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt
2. Public comment.
3. Reading and approval of minutes. –September 4, 2018  
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers.- Projects updates  
All registrations are a month at a time. Parents have been giving good feedback on this. A second billboard on Laurens Road has been installed regarding the Sports Center. The Sports Center will be part of the Fall Festival at Carolina Fashions.

The Senior Center put on a great play and continues to make the most of what they have. 3300 participants come through the doors down there.

Councilman Merritt said the repair and maintenance account is low- 39% of budget. Joe said this was the gym floor at the Sports Center. Sanding and maintenance are done to keep the warranty.

Chairman Merritt asked about the line item non-capital Sports Center. Joe said the bulk of it was the washer and dryer. A TV and refrigerator were also bought, but those were not expensive. Joe said the TV and refrigerator should have gone as Sports Center expenditures and could adjust those figures.

Chairman Merritt then asked about Senior Center repair and maintenance for Advanced Climate and Control. Joe said those were the two A/C units. We would get that money back from the insurance company for the damage to both units.

5. Unfinished business
6. New business
  - a. Cultural Center playground/shelter grading and update- Interim Administrator Turner provided a spreadsheet for the expenditures, items, and vendors. In May, council was presented the bid award for the shelter area, to have boring done for \$5650, and to grade the site for \$15,000.

A bid for site prep was sent out. There was one company that came back at \$13,200. The original amount was not to exceed \$15,000 that was allocated for Game Time. Separating the grading from the irrigation has also saved about \$10,000. We are still working on the electrical. Joe filled out the paperwork for the shelter to have power. Interim Administrator Turner said nothing can be done until the trees come down and grading is done.

Chairman Merritt said the \$521,108 allocation to Game Time would be amended to allow Creamer Grading to do the grading instead of Game Time and this would not exceed \$15,000. Chairman Merritt said there were some items that were charged that did not come through the committee.

Councilman Matney said this is like the clown car. They keep coming out. How many more clowns are in the car? Joe said the \$170,000 has already been approved. Councilman Matney said it is no money, no problems. Chairman Merritt said this project is all-inclusive. Councilman Matney said Chief Turner has done a great job getting his arms around this project and we are too far down the road to stop. Councilwoman King said the grading and power need to be done. She asked if there is a project manager with the JonScot portion. Should the shelter building be under PW and not Recreation. Chairman Merritt said yes. We have the shelter, there will be a building inside. Joe said on the project manager, from the playground side, there are plans that are drawing to specs.

On the shelter side, a project manager would cost 10-15% of the project. Probably about \$15,000-20,000.

Councilwoman King asked once the grading and power are done, then we will move to the playground or shelter? Joe said those would be done simultaneously. Joe said concrete cannot be poured until power is done. After that is done, the shelter will go to Jon Scot and the playground will go to Game Time.

Councilman Matney made a motion to move to council the grading cost from Game Time to Creamer Grading at an estimated cost of \$13,200, but not to exceed \$15,000. Councilwoman King seconded the motion.

Chairman Merritt said there are stones and most of the brick in the foundation of the old cannery was removed and hauled off. Creamer's notes say material will not be removed or replaced. The City will then consider that PW will have to bring in fill dirt. Compaction and compaction testing is excluded. Bad soil is excluded. Any rocks, stumps, etc. unforeseen excluded. No silt fences, grassing, those are excluded. Councilman Matney asked if it was included in Game Time. Joe said their cost to do the grading was \$22,500 and they do not know what was included or excluded. Councilman Matney said he is not sure now if he can support this going to council. Chairman Merritt said he has met Terry Creamer and he has done some work at the Senior Center and he is top notch. But if he does this and then Jon Scot says no, I still have to do work. Councilman Matney said he is not comfortable with this because nothing on this project has worked out perfectly. He would like solid numbers with the exclusions factored back in.

Interim City Administrator Turner said he can get with Creamer and see what his information is. We can also get back with Cunningham Recreation and see what is in that bid. The charge is \$57,000 but the site has to be clear. Chairman Merritt said it is basically \$22,500 versus \$13,200 with all the concerns. Councilman Matney said if Creamer wants to get rid of the exclusions and still

cap at \$15,000, he will support it. Joe said he could get Creamer back out and answer the questions committee has.

Committee was ok with forwarding this item to council with answers to the questions. The item was sent to council with a unanimous vote (3-0).

Arbor Engineering will set pins for the playground borders. Grading has to be done first. Jon Scot will be provided \$8900 additional for the pouring of the playground pad. Chairman Merritt said he has a problem with this because the dimensions are not ADA compliant. It has to be big enough to allow access. The building plans have not been reviewed for ADA compliance. Joe said the plans have been through BDS. Jon Scot and Langley has said the frame will be an additional 6 inches on both sides for compliance. Chairman Merritt said it would be 36 inches from the pole and he thinks the plans have not been through ADA. Interim Administrator Turner said Josh told him they went through the plans to determine compliance as civil drawings. According to both Arbor and Langley, these are civil drawings.

Chairman Merritt asked if the \$34,500 for Cunningham Recreation is the work to be done so the turf can be installed for the playgrounds. The stonework along the sitting wall does not have to be done. Councilwoman King said she had that crossed out during the last meeting. Joe said the estimate was for the restroom/sitting wall combined. He can have Cunningham quote just the sitting wall. Chairman Merritt said he wanted something similar to Springfield. Councilman Matney said he is on a streak of agreement with Chairman Merritt.

Chairman Merritt has done a spreadsheet. Picnic tables and trash cans are an add-on. Seegar's Fencing was included in the February 29<sup>th</sup> budget. The contingency has been reduced to \$18,000-20,000. He asked that committee look at this and get back to him or Interim Administrator Turner with any questions.

b. Senior Center gym floor project- The gym floor is still reading high on the moisture levels because of humidity. The suggestion was made by Southern

Flooring to install an epoxy vapor barrier to all the installation. Quotes were given. The high end is \$77,000 and the low quote is \$14,275 from Zepco. Zepco Flooring does the installation and has the product and can do this next week. A generator is needed and the City does not have a strong enough one. Southern Flooring is ok with another company doing the vapor barrier. Marsh Bell was putting a self-leveler. Chairman Merritt asked if Zepco would do the same. Joe said that is Southern Flooring's responsibility. The Vapor Green moisture barrier is what is recommended and will go down in a manner that will not void the warranty. It is a self leveler.

Councilwoman King made a motion to send to council this item with a recommendation to accept the bid from Zepco Industrial Flooring in the amount of \$14,275 to come from Recreation. Councilman Matney asked if there were any exclusions. Then he seconded. For the Recreation fund balance as of the receipt of the 2017 funds from Greenville County and taking out our other allocations, \$183,510.83 would be left. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

c. Senior Center renovations- Joe said three bids were received. One was disqualified. GCRA will reach out to meet on this soon. There will be no City money involved. Councilman Matney asked if we should invite the new GCRA Director to the next council meeting.

The drainage project has been added to this renovation, so the City may be able to take this off of our books.

7. Public comment.

Janice Holcombe said that during media events she has gotten feedback that there is no place for children to go at the cultural center. She appreciates the installation of the playground and shelter. Chairman Merritt said she will have a place to take her grandson besides the portable potty. Chairman Merritt said the Chief has been fantastic with pulling this project together.

8. Committee concerns.- None

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk