

Minutes  
Recreation Committee  
August 3, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting

Meeting Location: City Hall

Committee Members: Chairman Dale Black, Committee members Michael Reynolds and Taft Matney. Bart Cumalander, Interim Rec Director and Brandon Madden, City Administrator were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Black

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. **Recreation Committee Meeting: July 6, 2020**

**Action:** Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Department Reports

- Budget Review-
- Reopening of Senior Center
- Fall Sports Update

Interim Recreation Director Bart Cumalander- Fall Sports will start next month on September 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Jamboree at Mauldin High School this year. The playground surface work at Springfield Park will start Wednesday and should be done by the beginning of next week. Mr. Cumalander reported the drainage project by Public Works is almost complete.

The Sports Center numbers are gradually increasing. The Senior Center may open back up September 8<sup>th</sup>. The exercise program will be limited to begin with.

5. Unfinished Business

a. City Center Shelter Rental Price

This is the first shelter with bathrooms attached to it and also near a playground. We need to come up with pricing to rent the shelter. The department priced other similar shelters in the area. What is proposed is \$170 for the whole day. Mr.

Madden advised committee that what is in the packet is proposed for all of our shelters and information on what our sister cities charge for shelter rentals. The City Center shelter is a premium because of the bathrooms and access to two playgrounds and the sitting wall. City Center is not designated as a park and therefore, dogs are not allowed. The City will not rent the shelters when city events are going on. In City and out of City rates were discussed, but it was decided that one rate would be easier.

Councilman Matney said there was discussion at the last meeting and because City Center is not designated as a park, there are things that can take place at City Center that cannot be done in the parks. It was discussed that staff come up with a hybrid that would not conflict with City Center or the parks. Councilman Matney asked if a hybrid policy would address the issue of dogs in the park. Mr. Madden said a hybrid was drafted, but it was decided there would be a domino effect with some of our ordinances. If you don't allow one thing, there are several ordinances that may be affected. Mr. Madden said he would like to get with legal counsel to ensure that we are clear with all of the caveats and considering all the issues that may come up with designating City Center as a park. Councilman Matney asked Mr. Madden if his suggestion would be to hold in committee, or should this item be forwarded to council.

Mr. Madden answered the shelter rates could be forwarded to Council and the designation of City Center as a park could be brought up for discussion at a later date. They are two separate issues.

**Action:** Councilman Matney made a motion to move the issue of shelter rentals to Council with Councilman Reynolds seconding. Councilman Reynolds asked why the in-city, out of city rates was not included in the proposal. Mr. Madden said the opportunity for abuse is hard to track. It happens all the time in youth sports sign-ups. It is difficult to track whether someone is in the City or not. Councilman Reynolds asked if we would be able to have bookings for the shelter online. Mr. Cumalander said staff is working on being able to do that.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

## 6. New Business-

- a. **Motion to go into Executive Session for the consideration of a personnel matter as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(1)**

**Action:** Councilman Matney made a motion to move into executive session with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

**Vote:** The vote was unanimous (3-0).

Chairman Black called the committee meeting back to order.  
Councilman Matney reported no decisions were made and no action taken in executive session.

- b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session-None

## 7. Public Comment

Rollie Hyust: I have talked to the Recreation Director about opening the Senior Center back up and he has it well under control. The other thing, about the dogs, wow. You say it is a service dog and people bring their chihuahuas and everything else. I would suggest you add in licensed service dogs. That way it might bring it to people's attention that we mean what we say. We will still have people who will bring dogs and say they are service dogs, but you might be able to eliminate some of that.

Chairman Black: You used to have to have a vet or someone certify it. They had a apparatus or something they wore to distinguish them from other dogs. Do you know if that is still in effect?

Mr. Madden: Yes, there is documentation that must be provided if requested on the service dogs. We can note that and amended the policy.

Chairman Black: They call them something else now. Could be a dog, could be a chicken, a horse...We will document that. They should be marked because that takes away from someone who really needs them.

Mayor Merritt said on page 15 it references City Center Park. It is not a park. Service dogs are allowed in the park, but it is not a park. Also, the Cultural Center has two shelters. One does not have a restroom. We should designate that the two shelters have different rates.

Chairman Black said maybe we could designate it by calling the one with the restroom the City Center shelter. Chairman Black said we also need to make sure people understand they are not renting the playground; it will still be used by the public.

## 8. Committee Concerns- None

## 9. Adjourn- Chairman Black adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk