

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 3, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD

Committee Members present: Dale Black (Chair), Taft Matney, Michael Reynolds
Others present were Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairman Black
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Recreation Committee Meeting: March 1, 2021

Motion: 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. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander
 - i. Budget Review

A bench press competition will be held May 22nd at the Sports Center.

May 15th is the Citywide clean-up day, and the department will help with that.

Baseball championships are winding down. Flag football is almost done. The Baseball championship event in which the names are called out will be May 20th. The event will be held at Springfield Park this year instead of Sunset Park. The shade structures for the playground at Sunset will be installed, so that park will most likely be closed.

Mr. Cumalander said he was at Springfield Park Saturday morning at the top field. He saw a police officer come up. She got out of her car and spoke to staff. He hasn't seen that in a long time. The police department has been great with helping with the games.

Mr. Cumalander advised committee that the Sports Center Membership Coordinator position is still being advertised and the Senior Center position should be filled by the end of this week.

Chairman Black asked about the paving. Mr. Cumalander said that job is complete. The only thing left on the CIP is the shade structure installation at Sunset Park.

Mr. Cumalander said we are trying to improve the baseball and softball program. The department would like to play with other cities and are working on that.

ii. Greenville County Recreation Agreement Update

In 2013, Greenville County dissolved the Greenville County Recreation District, which operated as an independent special-purpose district that covered the county outside the city limits of Greenville, Greer, Mauldin, and Simpsonville. The Recreation District's facilities and programs were then incorporated into the purview of the County's government, which resulted in the levy of a recreation millage across Greenville County including the incorporated areas.

The County committed to sharing revenues generated by the millage with the Cities based on the amount of assessed property tax value within each of the Cities. The initial allotments commenced in FY16. The term Agreement was for five (5) years or through FY2021. After the initial five-year term concludes, the Agreement is to automatically renew for an additional one-year period up to a total of five (5) additional one-year periods, unless either party gives written notice of termination no later than ninety 90 days prior to the end of the term or renewal term.

For FY2022, the City projected the receipt of the revenues of approximately \$148K. However, for future fiscal years, staff will explore budget adjustments in the event that the agreement is not renewed. There is no guarantee that the agreement will be renewed. It is a good idea to think about how the City would want to proceed if those funds went away.

Chairman Black asked if there has been any conversation with the other municipalities. Mr. Madden said yes, most cities would want to continue to receive the funding. The discussions will continue. The goal is to extend the agreement until there is time for all parties to move forward.

The funding is based on a sharing percentage. The County has a formula. The City of Mauldin is probably ranked third in the amount of funding we receive. Chairman Black said he doesn't want to see us lose any money but is concerned that we are not getting the lion's share. Councilman Reynolds a five-year time is not enough. Our Recreation facilities will last past 5 years. We do need to look at our budget to decide what needs to be done.

Councilman Matney said on the one hand, we are within the 90-day notice to terminate the agreement, so we will get the \$148,000 this year. He asked Mr. Madden if the County has let us know they intend to terminate this agreement in future years. Mr. Madden answered they have not let us know formally. Councilman Matney asked if they have indicated something informally. Mr. Madden said there have been discussions on how parties will move forward if the agreement expires.

Councilman Matney said an agreement in perpetuity wouldn't hold up. Maybe we could approach the County for another 10-year period. We have some time, but if we start getting together with the other municipalities now and start having the discussions with Greenville County, we may know what might happen in FY 23.

Councilman Matney said he got an email saying soccer signups will start soon. The City stopped offering soccer programs a few years ago, and Councilman Matney is glad it is starting up again. Mr. Cumalander said that was Andre Clark's idea. Before CESA, it was Mauldin Soccer. The program used to be really big.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.
6. New Business- There is no new business.
7. Public Comment- None
8. Committee Concerns- None
9. Adjourn- Chairman Black adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk