

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD

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

1. Call to Order- Councilman Black
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Recreation Committee Meeting: July 12, 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
 - ii. Recreation Software

The department is having some issues with its Recreation software. A contract was signed about two years ago, and will continue until June 2024. This software does not have the capability to send texts, so right now, we are relying on coaches and volunteers to let everyone know when things happen, such as game schedules. Mr. Cumalander has also heard that it is hard to register children for sports.

The department has been approached about Pine Forest Park regarding some improvements, such as installation of a water fountain and installation of a prefab bathroom. Renaming the park is also a possibility that will be looked at.

Chairman Black asked Mr. Cumalander to make sure if we buy new software that it is compatible with our Finance software.

Councilman Matney requested that the department look at being able to check into the Sports Center via phone with the new software instead of clicking a key tag.

Councilman Matney said the Jamboree last week was fantastic and thanked all departments involved.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business

6. New Business

a. Corporate Memberships

There are some companies that have approached the department regarding corporate memberships. Currently, the Mauldin Sports Center offers \$5.00 off any FULL membership on a draft to companies. With the updates to the corporate memberships rates, we could potentially grow the business and revenue of the Mauldin Sports Center. By providing these rates to businesses we help the community by providing them easier access to a gym membership through their company. It is proposed as follows: 30+ memberships = \$350.00 per membership, per year, 15+ memberships = \$400.00 per membership, per year, 10+ memberships = \$450.00 per membership, per year.

Motion: Councilman Matney made a motion to send this to Council with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Councilman Matney asked if there have been any price comparisons with local gyms. Mr. Cumalander said it would be in line with the rates at the YMCA.

The new membership coordinator is being asked questions about rates, so the department would like direction from Council.

Chairman Black said it needs to be made clear that after the first free year that Ryan Homes or other companies will be offering to its residents, it would be the residents' responsibility to pay, not the City's. Councilman Matney said the number of memberships per corporation would likely change after a year. We need to say the free period would be twelve months from the start date, not calendar year.

Councilman Reynolds said he sees the corporate membership from Ryan Homes differently from one with someone like Samsung. He would like Mr. Cumalander to think about how these two scenarios would be handled.

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

7. Public Comment

Mayor Merritt said the chart in the agenda needs clarification. The corporate memberships are \$5.00 off, not \$5.00. What is the monthly family membership cost? And will the membership include the basketball court? It is not listed.

8. Committee Concerns

Councilman Matney congratulated Kamari Cannon on his 12th birthday.

Councilman Reynolds thanked Mr. Cumalander for looking at multiple opportunities to raise the membership at the Sports Center.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Black adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk