

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2024
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
3rd committee meeting

Committee Members present were Chairman Frank Allgood, Committee members Mark Steenback and Michael Reynolds.

Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: December 4, 2023

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Steenback seconding.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

Mr. Cumalander reported that sports sign-ups are starting. The department is going to stop providing helmets for sports. The equipment is hard to collect back after the season is over.

Improvements at the Senior Center are starting. The building will be painted, Public Works is working on getting quotes for roof replacement, and the existing basketball courts will be resurfaced.

Basketball season starts on Thursday.

The Senior Center has started using scan tags like the Sports Center does. This will allow staff to know who is in the building.

The Sports Center will be getting some replacement equipment.

Councilman Reynolds asked when the equipment should be coming in. Mr. Cumalander said probably within the next 30 days. The fire department will be receiving some of the older equipment and some of it can be sold. Councilman Reynolds then asked about the

helmets that will not be used any more. Mr. Cumalander said the helmets have stickers on them to show expiration dates. If they are still able to be used, helmets could be issued to needy kids.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business- There is no new business.

7. Public Comment-

Taft Matney, 712 Knollwood Drive, said some sports are more costly than others. Football and Lacrosse needs additional equipment to be purchased to ensure player's safety. He wants to make sure families are not being priced out of the ability to play. The team environment offers role models for kids they may not otherwise be exposed to. If there is someone that cannot play because they cannot afford the equipment, he wants to make sure we can work something out to help them.

Mr. Matney said sports equipment is continually changing because of science. He wants to make sure we don't make ourselves liable due to those changes.

Chairman Allgood asked if we could find a funding mechanism to help serve the underserved.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk