

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 7, 2025 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
4th and final committee

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair) and Mark Steenback. Committee member Michael Reynolds was not present.

Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander, City Administrator Seth Duncan and Assistant City Administrator Greg Saxton

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: May 5, 2025

Motion: Councilman Steenback made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chairman Allgood seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

i. Budget Review

Mr. Cumalander reported fall sports signups are ongoing. The football Jamboree will be held August 16th.

The Master Park Plan is being worked on. Assistant City Administrator Saxton said there have been several discussions and meetings where the consultants assess City park facilities. Focus groups of residents were asked what they would like to see. A survey should be sent out this week to the community on how it feels about the parks and what amenities they would like to have. Flyers will be distributed to businesses and churches to hopefully receive more community feedback.

Chairman Steenback asked if this would be for programs as well as facilities. Mr. Saxton answered yes.

Councilman Allgood asked how the basketball tournament went. Mr. Cumalander said the the Sports Center is going to look at holding this again with some improvements to try and boost participation.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Undiscovered South Carolina Grant Application

Staff is requesting Council approval for grant funding match of up to \$200,000 for the 2025 South Carolina Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SC PRT) Undiscovered Grant for sewer improvements at Sunset Park.

Sunset Park, established in 1999, was originally developed without access to public sewer infrastructure and is currently operating on a septic system. This limitation restricts the City's ability to host multiple sporting events and tournaments simultaneously due to capacity constraints. The City now has an opportunity to pursue funding through the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SC PRT) to support the conversion of the park's wastewater system from septic to sewer.

The SC PRT grant is a 50/50 matching grant, requiring the City to contribute an equal share toward the total cost of the sewer conversion project. This investment will enhance the park's functionality, support increased usage, and expand its potential for hosting regional events. This grant would require approval of the match in the amount of up to \$200,000 from the FY2026 H&A Contribution to Fund Balance.

Motion: Councilman Steenback made a motion to send this item to Council.
Chairman Allgood seconded the motion.

Chairman Allgood asked if this was for the sewer line alone. Mr. Duncan said that was correct.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk