PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Jennifer Tigges, Rebecca Kuhle, Robin Kennicker, Hobie Wood and Ray Werner

ABSENT: Rob McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware, Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger and Kristen Dietz

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:
It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:
None.

RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF CAMPGROUND MANAGER CONTRACT:
Miller Riverview Campground opened May 27th. Don Dixon has returned to be the Campground Manager. Don was a tremendous help administratively since last season when we were only open for twelve days, but Don handled all cancellations last year. This year instead of being paid the normal amount of $5,800 he asked that we pay his insurance requirement instead which is approximately $1,600. Tigges mentioned to hopefully give him a special thanks in the future. Tigges made a motion to recommend and approve the Campground Manager contract. Wood seconded. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:
Tigges requested additional information regarding Valentine Park and maintenance project for the house removal and the bids. Manager Ware explained capital improvement projects are currently on hold due to COVID-19 but we have received the bids. Tigges asked if we had kayaks or canoes for renting? Recreation Division Manager Kroger explained we do not have the availability for rentals and that the gas dock is open, but the store currently is closed. Kennicker requested an update for the City pools. Kroger explained City staff is still currently working on information to give to the City Manager for the next City Council Meeting and if the City Council decided to in fact open it will take approximately 3 – 4 weeks. Werner requested additional information for July 1st ordinance change for pets in parks. Park Division Fehsal explained signs have been ordered that has been approved by the Pet-Friendly Community. End of the month “No Pets” signs will be replaced by “Be Considerate”. Fehsal explained how there is no additional funding available at
this time. Tigges asked if it was possible for the replacing of signage could be a volunteer opportunity. Fehsal explained this is a possibility. Manager Ware explained that currently with the City budget many conversations are being held and we needed to prepare budgets that were 10/20/30% cuts. All areas across the City needed to prepare these budget documents especially without having our revenues. Over 800 hours per week is lost due to no seasonal staffing at this time. Multiple City departments are helping us with mowing and trash. Grant funding projects can be continued while all others have been put on hold.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Wood, to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Unanimous.