PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 3, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Way, Vice Chairman Bob Besaw, John Romberg, Dennis Herter, Bob Marcks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Tiffany Schulz and Lori Dean

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Gary Henke and Ron Steinhorst

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Chad Hoerth, City Administrator Kent Hagar, Administrative Assistant Janet Searl

Chairman Way called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Herter moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Besaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment. None.

Community Garden. A goal for 2013 is to offer a community garden for citizens of New London. Hoerth presented an "ala carte" list of items he would recommend to start this project. One of the more costly items is fencing. After some discussion, the committee decided to have Hoerth recalculate the costs without fencing to start with. That new cost will be updated on the capital project list.

Community Garden Fees. Hoerth recommends setting a fee of $20 for City residents and $35 for non-residents.

Romberg moved to recommend setting the fee for a community garden plot at $20 for City residents and $35 for non-residents. Seconded by Herter. Motion carried 5-0.

Review of 2013 Capital Project Requests. There was a brief discussion of items on the list. Hoerth will change the amount requested for the startup of a community garden. Christmas decorations may be added to the list.

Director's Report: On December 9th, Chad Hoerth completed 5 years of service with the City of New London.

Department Usage & Financial Statistics were distributed for the months of November and December.

Hoerth reviewed projects done in 2012 by non-profit groups to benefit the parks and Hatten Stadium.

Hoerth stated the bid packet for the roofing project is done. He delivered it to City Attorney Luaders for review.

Chairman's Report. Chairman Way asked how the dog park was doing this winter and if the land in the cemetery was open for cross country skiing.

Committee Member's Report. None

Next meeting agenda items: Review bid proposal for roofing project.

Herter moved to adjourn, seconded by Besaw, at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park & Recreation