

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 1st, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Way, Lori Dean, John Faucher, Bob Besaw, Dennis Herter and Henrica Bult

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Marcks

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Gary Henke

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director

Way called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Dean moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Besaw. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment. None

Discussion and possible action to hire McKinstry to create bid specifications and documents for mechanical and efficiency upgrades to the New London Aquatics and Fitness Center - Hoerth presented an agreement from McKinstry Essention, LLC, for creating specifications and bidding documents for upgrades at the New London Aquatics and Fitness Center. The designs will include mechanical system upgrades to the facility's HVAC system, pool filtration system, chemical feeder system and other efficiency upgrades. Hoerth explained some of the issues identified from a system efficiency study McKinstry completed in the last year. This agreement, at a cost of \$35,000.00, would hire McKinstry to create bid specifications with an anticipated bid advertisement in November or December of 2017.

Besaw moved to recommend to Council to hire Mckinstry to Create Bid Specifications and Documents for Mechanical System Upgrades to the New London Aquatics & Fitness Center for a cost of \$35,000.00. Motion carried 6-0.

*Director's Report – There were no questions on the written report. Hoerth took a minute to show the committee some data collected from 3 new trail counters purchased this past year. One counter was placed along the Hatten Park Disc Golf Course and two other locations along city trails. The counters can provide some good numbers showing how many people actually use a specific trail or other venue.

Chairman's Report. Way touched on the possibility of having a committee park tour this year; it was determined that at this time there was nothing new to really tour in the parks so the tour will be skipped for now and evaluated for next year.

Committee Member's Report. Faucher informed the committee that he has witnessed asphalt contractors using the boat launch facility to fill up their large water tankers for their asphalt operations. He's concerned that the weight of these tanker trucks is heavier than what the parking lot and ramps are designed for and they are not paying any type of fee to utilize the launch facility. Some discussion was made that if it is legal for these tankers to take river water, they could fill up at a site like at the north end of Mill Street. The topic may be put on a future agenda to discuss ways to regulate this activity at the boat launch facility.

Next Month Agenda Items: Possibly regulating tanker trucks from filling up at the Riverside Boat Launch Facility.

Dean moved to adjourn, seconded by Herter at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park & Recreation