



CITY COUNCIL PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 11th, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Crete City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

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Notice of the meeting was given by posting, the appointed method for giving notice as shown by the attached notice, at the following locations:

City Hall, 243 East 13th Street

Post Office, 1242 Linden Avenue

City Bank and Trust, 1135 Main Avenue

Advance notice of the meeting was also given to committee members. Pursuant to Section 84-1412(8) of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, the City has posted a current copy of the Open meetings Act, Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the council chambers. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

1. Open Meeting

2. Roll Call

Kyle Frans: Present

Ashley Newmyer: Present

Dan Papik: Present

Present: 3.

3. Items of Business

3.A. Discussion on future sports facilities and location(s).

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that Doane College students completed a project to see some options with future park/field facilities.

-Talked about it last year and a couple of times this year and have spoken with the Mayor.

-There are 60 acres of farm ground directly south. There are about 130 acres there. The original price was \$23,000 per acre and now it has come down to \$22,000.

- Spoke with the City's planners and they don't think that 20-25 thousand is bad for property next to city limits

- There are reasons not to purchase the 130 acres. If we purchase the 60 acres, we get one well and we don't have to take a well and a pivot. That saves a lot of money.

- The other acres to the south of that could be developed for housing. The current owners are interested in doing the development. They would be responsible for paving that road.
- The possible purchase of the 60 acres of land would be paid through electric rebates that were given back to all municipalities.
- The City of Crete has a farm property that is about 70 acres and that is another possibility to use that property as part of the purchase.
- Fields would be moved so that teams can still play while the facilities are being developed.
- Connecting the City Pool to the new park/sports facility

Committee Chair Ashley Newmyer stated that she would like to speak with City Administrator Tom Ourada and get more details on the timeline and more details on the rebate money that would be used for the purchase of the facilities.

3.B. Discussion on funding for sports facilities and location(s).

Mayor Bauer stated that they would seek out donations and grants for the sports facilities.

- Donations from the organizations that use the facilities.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that the use of the sports facilities would not be free. With more people using the facilities, the more labor.

Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody explained that there are many grants that the City could apply for. However, many of those grants ask about the land that will be used for the facilities. Having the land is needed before any grants can be applied for.

3.C. Discussion on future use of Tuxedo Park.

City Administrator Tom Ourada explained that about 13 years ago there was an idea for park trails at Tuxedo Park. An example of where those trails would go through was provided during the meeting.

- Moving all the sports fields to the new sports facility on the south side of town.

Park and Recreation Director Liz Cody stated that there are many ideas for other activities that could take place at Tuexdo Park. She talked about possible grants for archery, outdoor education, and other rustic uses at the park.

4. Officers' Reports

5. Adjournment

6:48pm