

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Belton Park Board of Directors
December 19th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Terry Ward, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Ward, Patti Ledford, Dave Daniels, Mike Miller, Adrian Hall, Zeb Morlok, Rusty Sullivan, Mary Cummings

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Garner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Patti Ledford

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Regular Park Board Minutes for November 21st, 2022, were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ward told the board that the January and February meetings fall on a holiday for staff. Mr. Ward made a motion to move the January meeting to Tuesday, January 17th and the February Meeting to Tuesday, February 21st. Mr. Daniels seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

PERSONAL APPERANCES: None

COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT: Mrs. Lawson reported that the council meetings are done for the year. She said at the last November meeting they discussed the capital projects for FY24.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Mr. Warren reported that the finance department is now fully staffed, and the new HR director has started. He said that the operations budget and the capital improvement projects for FY24 will be discussed at the January meetings. He told the board the city council will be discussing the following items in the new year, a new Tourism Council, a new rental inspection program, a possible Arts Council, and a city-wide recycling program. He said they are also planning to put a marijuana sales tax on the ballot in April. Mr. Ward asked Mr. Warren if there were any updates with the Jack Dryden property. Mr. Warren said they have a meeting on January 9th. Discussions followed. Mr. Warren said that he has made it clear to Mr. Dryden that the city is interested in the property.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR AND MANAGER'S REPORTS:

Mr. Welborn said that High Blue is very busy. He said the staff is getting ready for the busy season to start in January. Mr. Welborn thanked the staff for all their hard work on the FY24 budget. He noted that sales tax continues to increase and that it has helped to complete some much-needed projects. Mr. Welborn said that he will continue the one-on-one project in the new year. He said he will be working with the staff to create a new mission statement and new vision statement for the park department. He mentioned that he recently read an article in the NPRA newsletter that stated many states have unclaimed ARPA funds and had examples of ways that park departments can capitalize on those funds. He said in January he will be checking to see what Missouri may have unclaimed. Mr. Welborn told the board that he sent the demand letter to Midwest Pool in December, and they have agreed to reimburse the park department \$22,382 for lost revenue due to the outdoor pool shut down.

Mrs. Meehan said that High Blue is anticipating extra traffic in January due to the new year. She noted they will also be offering the special college pass for college students again this year. She

also reported they will receive a discounted rate for a pass that is good until the end of January. She said they will be starting the accountability group through the HB app starting the first week of January.

Mrs. Meehan reported that the Kid's night program is back. She said there is new staff running the program with new ideas. She told the board that High Blue will be hosting the princess party again this year on January 14th. She also mentioned that this past Saturday was distribution day at Memorial Station for Operation Santa. She said the program provided food and toys for 70 families who had not been adopted. She said they are working on adding new images and content. She noted the site is scheduled to go live in late January once they see and approve the final design. Mrs. Meehan reported that the Station was busy in December hosting several corporate holiday parties. She said they will again be offering a special for January and February rentals hoping to book a few more events.

Mr. Althausser told the board that plaster project in the Rec pool is finished. He said the company accidentally cracked a window and they still need to replace it. He noted that the indoor pool turtle was not installed properly and tried to float off, but it has now been fixed. Mr. Althausser also mentioned that the heater went out in "The Garage" workout area and has now been fixed. He reported that Cody Davis has started as the Facilities/Project manager. He said they will be doing tee signs at Cleveland Lake Week this week and that the playground tile removal is almost done.

Mr. Lopez reported that there have been 9 more tournaments added to the Markey schedule for 2023. He said that registrations were open for the co-ed volleyball league and mentioned that the Little Hoopers first session filled up quickly. He said they have now opened a second session. Mr. Lopez said they have reached an agreement with Coke and will be signing a 3-year contract that will replace the Pepsi contract. He said the cost of the product is around 40% less than Pepsi and the contract does include some sponsorship money and some rebate money. He told the board that himself and Mr. Benson have completed the CYSA academy and are now CYSA certified.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. Welborn reported that sales tax was up again this month. He mentioned that the monthly financials look different than the monthly budget because there are several big expenses that have not been paid yet due to several different reasons. Mr. Warren reported that Chewy sales have finally started to take off and they should be close to the projections for this year. Mr. Welborn asked the board if they would still like to see the year-to-year comparisons on the monthly financials. Mr. Ward said that he does think they are beneficial. Mr. Ward told the board that the proposed FY24 budget is in the packet. He said there are notes in red with explanations for the line items that have significant changes from the FY23 budget. Mr. Ward mentioned that there is a 2.5% COLA and a 2.5% merit raise in the budget for all full-time staff. Mr. Miller asked if that is the same increase that other city employees will receive. Mr. Warren said that it has not been determined yet. Some of the things that Mr. Welborn noted are an additional maintenance worker in the 3010 budget and the aquatics staff no longer being budgeted in contractual, but in temporary salaries and benefits instead. He also noted that the field maintenance crew has now been moved from the maintenance budget to the recreation budget. Mr. Welborn said some of the capital projects included in the budget are sunshades at Markey, a concessions trailer, an enclosed trailer to house the stage, and a used truck for the maintenance

department. Discussions on the budget followed. Mr. Ward said that the staff has brought a balanced budget to the board, and he made a motion to accept the FY24 budget as presented. Mr. Morlok seconded. Roll Call Vote – Patti Ledford - aye, Mike Miller – aye, Adrian Hall – aye, Zeb Morlok – aye, Rusty Sullivan– aye, Dave Daniels – aye, Mary Cummings – aye, Terry Ward – aye.

Recreation: Did not meet.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet.

Personnel: Did not meet.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mr. Welborn stated that the Coca-Cola contract is in the packet. He said that it is a 3-year contract that includes a \$1,000 sponsorship and rebates for every case sold. He stated that Coke will also provide new signage. He said they will also bring in new vending machines to High Blue and they will get rebates on those sales as well. Mr. Welborn said he would like to ask that the board approve the contract to be effective January 1st. Mr. Ward made the motion to accept the Coca-Cola contract. Mrs. Ledford seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

Announcements: Mr. Ward wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the staff for all their hard work this year.

Mr. Ward made the motion to a adjourn. Mrs. Ledford seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

Adjourn: 7:17pm