

The Community Services Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

**PRESENT WERE:** Chair, Karen Leach; Councilor Bill DiMarco; Councilor Randy Nelson; and Community Services Director, Tom Boldon.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Karen Leach called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

• **JCA Letter**

Director Boldon distributed a draft letter that he had prepared for Junction City Athletics that acknowledged the value of the service they receive from the City. He wanted to keep the relationship very positive with JCA.\

The Committee discussed the 2005 contract with JCA and that it was legally binding. Councilor Nelson noted that he would like to challenge that and have someone look into the ability to reconstruct the agreement.

Director Boldon pointed out that the agreement referenced that if a Parks District was formed, JCA would be required to run over operation of the program and all equipment. He continued that he would spend some time in the future looking into the Parks District option. He added that since the agreement was 10 years old it would be a good time for him to meet with and discuss with JCA.

• **Security Cameras**

Director Boldon had met with Kurt Porter from the Feynman Group as well as two members of the Police Department to discuss installing security cameras at the Skate Park/Laurel Park that could be connected to the Police Departments cameras as well as the Junction City website 24/7. It was Mr. Porter's suggestion that they install multiple cameras so that the Skate Park and the bathrooms and gazebo at Laurel Park were being monitored.

• **Library Wi-Fi**

Director Boldon stated that at the last Council meeting, Councilor Hitchcock had brought up the question on the Library's Wi-Fi, which is provided 24/7. He noted that most libraries in the area provide the same and there did not seem to be any issues associated with that. Director Boldon shared that he would research the costs for providing this service and whether there was a savings by limiting the hours per day and bring this information back to the Committee.

**3. Sub-Committees**

**Parks: Parks Projects Updates**

• **Yellowwood**

The conceptual designs would be shared at the next Parks meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

• **The Reserve**

Director Boldon stated that the surveys were mailed out the week before and they had already received 39 of them back.

Director Boldon had sent information to the Tribune for them to do an article on the Reserve. He also had filled out the paperwork to have the information on the reader board.

**4. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

• **Library**

The Friends of the Library had funded furniture for a new seating area; they purchased two new comfortable chairs and a table.

Director Boldon informed the Committee that he had met with Representatives from the Oregon State Hospital on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss visits by patients. He stated that the patients had to go through an extensive risk review process to be eligible for outings and when they visited the Library they would be accompanied by staff from the State Hospital.

• **Parks**

Director Boldon informed the Committee that Laurel Park had been vandalized four times in four weeks. It had mostly been burning toilet paper in the middle of the floor, graffiti, and a broken window in the men's restroom. Parks Lead McClintock had been working on it and reporting it to the Police Department. Bergstrom Park had also been vandalized with extensive graffiti on the playground equipment, wall, fence, and sidewalk.

• **Pool**

The pool will reopen in June, with the hiring process starting in the spring for a pool manager, pool supervisors, and lifeguards. Director Boldon would be attending the Aquatic Facility Operator certification on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Seattle and would be learning about supervision of the facility.

• **Community Center**

The Community Center had hired a new after school program leader, her name was Grace Harget.

The OSU Extension Service had been offering Wednesday cooking classes to kids. It was teaching them how to make healthy meals and snacks on their own.

Plans had begun for the JC3.1, a 5K run and walk fundraiser for the Community Center, which would be on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

• **Viking Sal**

The windows had been replaced on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with new energy efficient windows courtesy of the Ford Foundation Grant.

The anniversary breakfast would be Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. It celebrated the 37 years of service for Viking Sal. They also recognized the Volunteer of the Year during the breakfast.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Nelson indicated that someone had offered to donate \$900 for trees at Yellowwood, the person donating had an idea of including the Boy Scouts of America to help plant the trees. He added that he had spoken to a representative about putting disc golf at the state mental

hospital and was told that this would not be going in until maybe next spring and the hospital was focusing on fruit trees and the garden.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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