

The Community Services Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in a virtual meeting format, via internet and phone.

PRESENT: Chair Andrea Ceniga, Councilor Rob Stott, and Councilor Sandie Thomas; HR/Admin Services Manager, Stephanie Moran; and Public Works Superintendent, Jeremy Tracer.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ceniga called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and took roll call.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2020

CONSENSUS: The Committee consensus was to approve the March 3, 2020 minutes.

4. Departmental Updates

Manager Moran presented the following Departmental Updates:

Community Center

- The Community Center was closed and would remain closed until further notice.
- All classes have been cancelled.
- Camp Sunshine would be held June 22nd to August 21st but would be limited to 10 children. Eugene YMCA had been running their camp for several weeks and let City staff know what they were doing and what was working for them. Would be screening the children each morning with a touchless thermometer and implementing safety and distancing procedures. Information on the camp was posted on the website and included parent guidelines and registration forms.

Library

- Currently closed but were working on getting safety precautions in place to hopefully open later this month or in July. Public Works had assisted by purchasing plexiglass and would be installing that.
- Would remove all but two public computers for social distancing. When entering the Library, there would be a table with sanitizer and face masks. Would have tape on the floor for distancing.
- Had reached out to the Library volunteers and all but three were willing to come back. They would be provided with face masks and gloves.
- It was a possibility that the Library could open with modified hours.

Pool

- The pool would not be opening this year. On county/state calls that staff had participated in, it was recommended that pools be closed right now.
- No staff had been hired and the facilities that train lifeguards were currently closed.

Viking Sal Senior Center

- The Senior Center Advisory Board had made the decision to keep the Senior Center closed until further notice.

- Meals on Wheels were still being delivered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Café 60 was operating, and people picked up their meals and took them to go.
- Manager Moran would be meeting with the Senior Center Advisory Board in the next few weeks to assess the current situation.

Councilor Thomas asked if the Library would be able to stay within budget, with the purchase of shields, masks, etc. related to its reopening. Manager Moran responded that she had already purchased masks and gloves. Superintendent Tracer added that they hoped to be reimbursed for any COVID-19 purchases.

Councilor Thomas added that she was glad the library was opening up.

Chair Ceniga asked if they would be limiting the amount of people. Manager Moran responded that she was speaking to Lane County about the limits of not more than 25 people, and they responded that it was not just about the 25 but the amount of people that could be in the space and keep the social distancing measures. So, the Library staff and volunteers would need to keep a close eye on this and see how many people might be allowed to be in the building at one time to maintain social distancing; could be 8 to 10. Manager Moran added that the restroom at the Library would be closed to the public.

Chair Ceniga stated that she understood that things needed to be closed, but it was sad, especially during the summer months to have the pool and Senior Center closed. She added that she was glad that at least they were able to do something at the Library.

5. Pool Projects Update

Superintendent Tracer reviewed:

- Public Works staff had been working on a daily basis at the pool for quite a while.
- They finished the re-piping of the filter room.
- The Automation project for the chemical feed was on Emerald Pool's list of projects. He would be checking in with them this week to get a confirmed date on that.
- In the CEP (Capital Expenditure Plan) for this last fiscal year, they had the painting of the floors in the locker rooms. All the material for that has been purchased but this was lower on the priority list since the pool was not going to open this year and would be finished later.
- With the pool closure, he and Manager Moran had talked about doing some other minor projects, so that when the pool opened next year, it would be better than ever.

Chair Ceniga thanked staff for all the work they were doing down there and noted that it was a bummer that the pool would not be opening, but it would give staff plenty of time to get everything done that needed to be done.

Manager Moran and Superintendent Tracer stated that they would like to have a grand opening of the pool next year with cake and other fun things. Chair Ceniga responded that sounded like a good idea.

6. Parks Update

Superintendent Tracer reviewed:

- A tree at Lyle Day Park was recently struck by lightning and split all the way down to its base, causing a dangerous situation; consequently, the tree was removed today.

- The Laurel Park projects of sidewalks, lighting, and parking lot upgrades started last week. Tomorrow AB Utilities would start doing some of the concrete work.
- Public Works decided that while doing the parks sidewalks update, they needed to do the ADA ramps also, so would be using a small portion of the Safe Routes to School funding for that.
- Security cameras were installed at Laurel Park. Nothing major had happened, since the cameras had been installed; however, one thing that did happen over this last weekend was someone stole batteries out of one of the City's dump trucks that was at the park for a project. It was just outside of camera view, so an additional camera was installed.
- Parks staff were doing a lot of parks maintenance right now. Anderson Erosion Control was freshening up the bark beds.

Councilor Thomas asked if signs had been purchased to let people know to pick up after their dogs. Superintendent Tracer responded that that they did have those and would be posting the signs, dog bag boxes, and garbage cans in some of the parks that did not have them yet.

Councilor Thomas noted that it sounded like the cameras were doing their jobs, if they had not captured anything going on. She added that the bark smelled nice and looked really good.

Chair Ceniga thanked staff for all the work they did to make everything look good.

7. Other Business

Chair Ceniga asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

8. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Vodrup
City Recorder