

**Clearwater Recreation Commission
Minutes of Wednesday, August 21, 2024
Held at Clearwater Public Library**

Members Present: Amanda Germann, Jamie Tjaden, John Hurley, Layne Pike and Landon Doll

Members Absent: none

Guests: Tyson Frickey & Ruth Welters-Smith (AYSO 491); Courtney Zollinger & Jennifer Hill (City of Clearwater); Rob Glenn, Ruth Glenn, Amber Ives, Jo Johnson, Rhonda Lambert, Scot Palmer, Shirley Palmer-Witt, Ron Witt, Michelle York, Mike York (patrons)

Amanda Germann called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approve agenda for meeting: August 21, 2024 Pike motion, Tjaden 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

*Pike requested Executive Session added to agenda.

Review member minutes of: July 9, 2024 Pike motion, Doll 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

*Hurley stated a change to minutes, minutes approved as amended.

Reviewed warrants of: July 9, 2024, Tjaden motion, Pike 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Approve warrants for: August 21, 2024, Hurley motion, Tjaden 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Review financial reports of: August 21, 2024 Pike motion, Tjaden 2nd, motion passed 5-0.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing: Members established speaking times, Hurley made a motion, Pike 2nd, to give each speaker five minutes. Germann opened the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 6:03 pm. Witt asked why Commission is saving funds without a clear direction of where the monies are going. Pike said there has been much discussion for several years about a recreational facility built in Clearwater but concerns about location, size and who would be included in the facility have come into play to slow the development of the project. Germann closed the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 6:22 pm. Pike made a motion, Doll 2nd, to adopt a resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the Chisholm Trail Recreation Commission 2025 proposed budget. Motion passed 4-1 (Hurley nay). Roll call vote to exceed Revenue Neutral Rate: Germann – yes; Tjaden – yes; Pike – yes; Hurley – no; Doll – yes.

2024-2025 Budget Hearing: Germann opened the Budget Hearing at 6:24 pm. Witt inquired about the budget line items and Palmer-Witt asked how the Employee Benefit Fund is set up. Rob Glenn suggested creating a strategic plan for a recreational facility so when asked about saving for a new facility, Commission is able to present that as its target goal. Germann stated City has requested one mill from Commission, Hurley suggested Commission pay for all contractual bills that include turf maintenance with the stipulation there be no reservation fees for Commission, AYSO 491 and USD 264 (dependent on their interests). Pike would like to continue discussions for Commission to oversee maintenance of Sports Complex. Tjaden asked Zollinger if City budget has been established for the upcoming year, where would the Commission funding be applied. Zollinger said the budget is set and City did not have to raise taxes, Commission funds would be towards street enhancements. Germann closed the Budget Hearing at 7:24 pm. Hurley made a motion, Pike 2nd, to allocate up to \$75,000 for contractual bills for City of Clearwater recreational facilities from category #52 (New Facilities). Motion passed 5-0. Pike made a motion, Hurley 2nd, to approve 2024-2025 budget total income and expenses as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Program report:

Director spoke about programs including open gym, bingo, craft time and ice cream sundaes as the school year began. Currently working on a Book-tober, month-long program of activities with Library staff for October. A volleyball clinic was held the last week of July with the registration fees going to CHS volleyball program as their coaching staff led the clinic. Rec sponsored volleyball teams have began practices with their games beginning September 7, there are two teams in each division for Clearwater (3rd/4th & 5th/6th).

Old Business:

Hurley and Director showed Commission two revised renderings of improvements to Sports Complex with one including a recreation building and one without. Director has recently spoken with a representative of KDWP who said it would be possible to present a proposal for approval outlining how a building would promote outdoor recreation. While it does not mean a building is automatically allowed, there is an opportunity to find out if it could be built on that property. Hurley stated the group who is working with the redesign of the Sports Complex felt that making the baseball and softball fields turf were a priority over the addition of a fourth field, as was having batting cages for every field.

New Business:

Frickey spoke about the possibility of Commission paying the proposed AYSO 491 rental fees that were being discussed by City. Welters-Smith said there are 170-200 participants combined for their spring/fall seasons. Frickey said the City has not determined a set rental fee, initially it was \$6,000 per season and for AYSO to cover that cost, it would have to raise registration fees 25%. Welters-Smith said to belong to AYSO, \$25 of each registration goes to national office. Hurley asked what benefit it is being in AYSO and Frickey said all of their property belongs to AYSO. As there is no rental fee structure set yet by City, Members did not commit to any funding request by AYSO but will discuss further when more specific details are confirmed.

Pike made a motion for Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes. Doll 2nd. Executive session began at 8:20 pm and ended at 8:40 pm. No action was taken.

Germann made a motion, Pike 2nd, the resolution to waive the annual requirement of generally accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Motion passed 5-0.

Germann adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the library.

Beki Zook - Recreation Director