

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Belton Park Board of Directors
May 17, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Ward, Dave Daniels, Mike Miller, Rusty Sullivan, Charlie Dalzell, Adrian Hall

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bryan Murdock, Jennifer Garner, Zeb Morlok

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Charlie Dalzell

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Regular Park Board Minutes for April 17, 2021, minutes were approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Ward reported that our Kite event scheduled for last Sunday was canceled due to rain. It has been rescheduled for June 13. He also recognized Mayor Larkey, who was in attendance and invited him to speak.

PERSONAL APPERANCES: None

COUNCILWOMAN LIASON REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Ms. Barton reported that the City had applied for a \$31,000 grant for the Senior Center for tables, windows and a new floor. The grant now needs to go before the MARC Board for approval before moving forward. In the meantime, the City is preparing bids. Mr. Miller asked if the renovations would delay the opening of the Senior Center for senior meals and Ms. Barton said they were working on the details. She said they were initially looking at a June reopening for the Seniors, but they do not want to open and have to shut it down again. Mr. Welborn asked about the status of the stimulus funds for the park department. She said the city attorney was going through it and hopes to have guidelines out soon.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Welborn stated that the past 45 days have seen an increase in traffic. In addition, revenues were looking good. He said sales tax revenue was also up. The maintenance department was able to hire its last position. He added that, weather permitting, this Saturday will be the second Cruise Night on Main Street. He said he would need a couple of volunteers. Mr. Welborn said that Hy-Vee SummerFest is going well but we need a few more teams for the cornhole tournament. He added that they would be painting new lines in the parking lot at Markey in July. He also added that he will be on vacation for the June meeting. Mr. Daniels asked if we knew who was in the building throughout the day. Mr. Welborn stated that he was very comfortable with the checks and balances we have in place to know who is here at all times. Mr. Ward asked how long the off-duty police officer would be in the building. Mr. Welborn said through the end of May. The cost for the officer is \$50 an hour.

Mrs. Meehan reported that memberships at High Blue were on the rise, up 75 from April 2019 to April 2021. She stated that this month the Center was running a Personal Training promotion...buy 10 sessions get 2 free or buy 6 sessions and get 1 free.

Mrs. Meehan stated that the park had secured the dates for another Carnival in the Park, Aug. 19-21 in Memorial Park. She added that the park was working with the Downton Belton Main Street, Inc., in creating a new Fall Festival this year. The details are still being worked out. Mr. Welborn added that Main Street activities would remain the same while the park would offer family-friendly activities in the park. They also are working on details to provide train service between the two locations.

Mr. Welborn highlighted maintenance activities. Mowing crews have been hard at work with all of the rain. He added that they had started getting all of the plants out for the summer season. Staff also is hard at work to prepare the Outdoor Water Park for the season opening on Sat., May 29. There is a crack in the speed slide and are getting someone

out to fix it before opening. He also added that staff had done a great job getting the fields ready and making sure all parks are clean and safe.

Mr. Goodman stated that it had been busy in recreation, adding that soccer and football participation was up over last spring. He stated that the department had run its only training official's training program this spring and had received several compliments on its success. Mr. Goodman added that Little Kickers had 78 participants this spring, up 13 from 2019! He said baseball/softball also had increased participation, up 25 players from 2020. He added that Summer Camp and concessions staff are all hired and ready for a busy summer.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Mr. Dalzell reviewed the April financials, pointing out that sales tax was up 63 percent over 2019.

Recreation: Did not meet. Mr. Miller would like to meet after the summer season is over. Mr. Ward asked if team uniforms had come from Maurer's this year. Mr. Goodman stated that they had come from Graphic Edge, an online company.

Building and Grounds: Did not meet.

Personnel: Did not meet.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Mr. Welborn reminded the Board that the car show was this weekend and asked that anyone wanting to help could come out to Main Street at 2:30pm. Mr. Dalzell stated that Ray Strong's funeral would be Thurs., May 20, from 5-7pm, at the Cullen Funeral Home in Raymore. Mr. Strong and his wife were both former employees at High Blue.

Mr. Dalzell made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Daniels seconded. ***Motion carried with all ayes.***

Adjourn: 6:53pm