

Parks Team Meeting Report September 11th, 2019 Submitted by Jim Bockelman
Present: Sacajawea Center Director Lin Gray, City Clerk Mary Benton, Waste Water Supervisor/Cemetery Sexton Charles Cockrell, Parks Supervisor Gordon Stephenson, Cemetery Grounds Staff Leonard Hatch, Council Members Neal James, Fred Waidely and Jim Bockelman.

The team discussed the cremation cemetery columbaria that was presented to Council at the last Council meeting. The first question was, “is it needed?” Mary, Charles and Leonard all agreed it was needed and that the sale of the interment niches should be handled by the City. The team discussed the size of a unit, a location where it could be placed, the need to keep it from coming in contact with sprinkler water, what the City should charge for a niche so the structure pays for it self plus get a good start to pay for a second unit in the future as well as if there was revenue in the Cemetery Fund to cover the cost of the columbaria. The team felt that the full council should discuss and act on this possible addition to the Cemetery.

Sacajawea Center Director Lin Gray discussed a time line on the hiring of her replacement. Fall Frolic is the next event at the center, October 12th. Lin is working on updating the Bigley's agreement. The volunteers-r/ver's are gone as of September 6th. Lin hopes to get into the Farmhouse, aka the Police Station, to make a list and plan for it's future at the Center. The team discussed the upcoming haying agreement which is due to expire November 1, 2019. The last two agreements have been for three years, prior years have be for single years. There was also discussion on a price to expect the agreement to return and the expectations of the lessee. Gordon had very good input to the discussion. Lin will handle and make her recommendations to Council.

Parks Supervisor Gordon Stephenson said all is well with parks. There is cracking in the tennis court and the basketball court that needs repairing. There has been some work done on the basketball court which seems to be working. The tennis court which is mainly used by the pickle ball players has not been addressed due to the usage it gets. Gordon needs at least a week of the court being shut down to play so the crack repair materiel can dry properly. How to notify the pickle ball players is the issue at large, possibly City Hall could help. There has been graffiti at the pavilion on Island Park which the park's crew has taken care of.

Lenard reported things are winding down at the Cemetery.

The Kid's Creek Park toilet replacement by Fish and Games scheduling is moving forward and should be done before the end of the year. Gordon had one comment to be passed on to the Fish and Game. The moss that is removed by the Fish and Game is left in piles which cannot be mowed thru. His request is to have them not mound the moss up in the grass. Jim will pass that on.

And the “Welcome to Salmon” monument at the park is still in need of repair but has been addressed by the Mayor and Harry Shanafelt, Public Works Superintendent.