

RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Minutes from Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2021

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Present: Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher, Matt Gray, Greg Hines, Terry Thomas
Absent: Johnny Brazil, Jamey Ellis
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy
Guests: Alex Ramey

Call to Order

Bryan Fisher called the meeting to order at noon.

Approval of Minutes

Greg Hines made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11-12-20 commission meeting. Dallis Clark seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business-None

New Business

A. Election of Commission Chairman-This agenda item was tabled until all commissioners are present.

Updates

A. Community Fireworks Display-The Department Director asked the commissioners for input regarding the location of the 2021 Community Fireworks Display. Locations discussed were Pleasant View Park, the Russellville Aquatic Center and downtown Russellville. Director Thomas would like to find out before planning a show at the Aquatic Center if parking will be allowed at Arkansas Tech University. Commissioner Clark would like to see the show downtown if it can't be at the Aquatic Center, and Commissioner Hines agreed. The city's contract with HogWild Pyrotechnics expired in 2020 so the department is looking for companies that will provide the best show for our budget and selected location. The Director plans to ask Mayor Harris for additional input before a decision is made.

B. James School Park Project-The capital project that includes new restroom facilities and pavilion at James Park is currently out for bid, and the bids will open on January 26. The pavilion has been received. Tentative start date will be a couple of weeks after bids are open.

C. M. J. Hickey Park Backstops-Construction began on new backstops and score booths for Hickey Park fields 2, 3, 4 and 7. The project has a tentative completion date of February 1.

D. M. J. Hickey Pool-The cost estimate of repairs to Hickey Pool was presented at the City Council agenda prep meeting on Tuesday, January 12 and should move on to full Council next week. Bob Moore of Burton Pools & Spas said the repairs could be completed by Memorial Day if they are started in February. Plans also include using monies out of the 2021 Hickey Pool budget to do some cosmetic upgrades to the pool house.

E. Tournaments-The department currently has 16 softball tournaments booked for the spring/summer season.

F. Monthly Report-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.

G. Upcoming Events-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.