

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Todd Rheault, Ken Zetocha, and Kathy Scully. Commissioner Jeff McCracken was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the order of the agenda with the following change:

Deletion – Designate WF Pioneer as official newspaper (tabled until further notice)

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve minutes of the June 11, 2014 and June 18, 2014 meetings as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve Bills – \$529,647.97

Monthly Report

Appoint Justin Germundson as Clerk

Commissioners Rheault, Zetocha, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser gave an update on capital improvements:

Scheels Soccer Field Complex irrigation is complete. Goldenwood is delayed until next summer at the request of City of West Fargo due to infrastructure issues. The Tower Soccer Fields have had heavy use issues. Citizens met with sub-committee recently. Changes have been made with signage and permit reservations. The pool is open. Rivers Bend will be complete next summer.

The ball fields will begin on July 14. Director Erbstoesser recommended a change order for irrigation and sod on all three fields. The change order from Turf Tamers is

\$137,210.50. There is a budget shortfall of \$3,255.50. Commissioner Rheault recommended WF Baseball and WF Softball split the shortfall. Commissioner Rheault said WF Baseball would pick up the shortfall if WF Softball did not contribute.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the change order for the Elmwood and Rendezvous ball fields for irrigation and sod on all three fields with Turf Tamers in the amount of \$137,210.50. Commissioners Rheault, Zetocha, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Rheault discussed board compensation. This topic of discussion began three or four years ago. As the city continues to grow, so do the demands of the commissioners. West Fargo City Commissioners recently approved a 25% pay increase for their positions. Commissioner Scully doesn't feel there should be such a discrepancy between the neighboring cities. Commissioner Rheault recommended a 25% pay increase effective August 1, 2014 and to revisit this discussion in the future. The new annual salary for West Fargo Park Board Commissioners will be \$2,439.72.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve a 25% pay raise for Park Board Commissioners effective August 1, 2014 with the cost of living annual increase intact. Commissioners Zetocha, Scully, Rheault, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to follow staff benefits for free "household" benefits retroactive to past board members who still reside in the City of West Fargo. Commissioners Scully, Rheault, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha will take over the portfolio assignments that were previously held by former Commissioner Johnson. The portfolio assignments are as follows:

Public Relations/Policy/Personnel - Zetocha, McCracken

Finance/Budget/Legal/Legislation	- Rheault, Zetocha
Land Acquisition/Facility Develop	- Odegaard, Rheault
Recreation/Programming	- Scully, Odegaard
Veterans Memorial Pool/ VMA	- McCracken, Scully

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair Sharon Odegaard

Clerk Justin Germundson