

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
July 20, 2023

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on July 20, 2023 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Jeske, Odell and Zimmerman were present. Commissioner Jordan was absent.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Ian Easton with the Burleigh County Bicycle Cult appeared before the Board as the Featured Partner and Program.

Steve Chuppe, representing Bismarck Baseball Boosters, appeared before the Board and asked for consideration to allow the Bismarck Baseball Boosters and other related organizations to raise additional funding so that Bismarck Parks and Recreation District could apply for grant dollars through the North Dakota Park System Grant Program for additional amenities at Bismarck Municipal Ballpark, including a batters eye and expanded ticket booth. Commissioner Jeske moved approval for this additional fundraising. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried. Mr. Chuppe also plans to appear at the August Park Board meeting regarding the Destination Development Grant.

Finance Director Kathy Feist addressed the Board regarding the proposed 2024 operating budget. Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the introduction of the 2024 operating budget as presented. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the 2024 budget resolution. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the preliminary budget statement for 2024 and set the public hearing for September 21, 2023 at 5:15 pm. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Susan Hazelett with Apex Engineering reviewed bid bids received for the General Sibley Park septic system replacement. Commissioner Zimmerman moved to reject the bids and re-bid the project. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Jordon Geiger with AE2S reviewed the bids received for the Hay Creek retaining wall project. Commissioner Odell moved to accept the low bid of \$617,000 from Engineering & Construction Innovations for contract number 3 – combined construction. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Brad Krogstad with KLJ reviewed the bids received for the Sheila Schafer Mini Links relocation project. Commissioner Zimmerman moved to reject the bid received, re-bid the project for early 2024 construction, and involve Dakota Junior Golf Association in conversations since they are helping to fund the project. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Daniel Narin from Bismarck’s Community Development Department provided information to the Board about the Bismarck Renaissance Zone. He hopes to appear at the August Board meeting regarding the Renaissance Zone.

Commissioner Odell moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Consideration of June 15, 2023 Board meeting minutes.
- Consideration of the following agreements:
 - Bismarck Hockey Boosters – ice arenas
 - Bismarck Figure Skating Club – ice arenas
 - Capital Curling Club – ice arenas
 - Bismarck Sports Group - advertising
 - Bismarck Public Schools – BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center
- Request Board authorization to select a consultant for the Meridian Drive to General Sibley trail project.

Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve bills for payment with checks 407703 to 407778 and 212507 to 213097 along with bank drafts DFT001269 to DFT001281, EFTs 2430 to 2474 and direct deposits 62653 to 63866. Commissioner Odell seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Jeske, Odell, Zimmerman and President Gilbertson. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be held August 17, 2023 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.