Park Board
February 19, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Al Vorderbrueggen, Blaine Golden and Hillary Hoffman: Present. Kirkpatrick: Absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was entered by Hoffman, seconded by Golden to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All yes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:
McDonald Park Contract-
City Administrator Matt Hammer put the McDonald Park Contract out to bid. As the last bidding process took place in 2017, the goal was to explore current options available in the market. Scott Parrish was the only applicant to submit a bid during this process.
No change on the contract side, just an increase in price to $20,000.

Parrish spoke about the Hotel/Motel Grant he received last year. He was able to laser level the fields, put product on all four fields and purchased a bulk order of red topper. The fields are draining really well.
He will get a complete report ready to give to council on how he spent the funds.

Parks Steve Larkin suggested Parrish apply for another hotel/motel grant for sand to level all fields.

McDonald Park had some much-needed cleaning and painting in the restrooms by a local 4-H club last year.

Larkin stated the deck around the upper clubhouse is in need of some repairs.

Parrish noted that the first pitch at McDonald Park was thrown 27 years ago. They had hoped of doing an event at the 25-year mark, but it just didn't happen. Which is unfortunate as Don "Bones" McClintock and Mike Johnson have both passed away.

Parrish found out that NFHS (National Federation of State High School Association) will provide both the equipment and the installation free of charge, if your facility has internet access. Since fiber connectivity does not currently reach McDonald Park, Parrish has been looking into Starlink as potential solution for internet service. This would allow fans to watch games from home and enable coaches to rewatch footage for training purposes.

A motion was entered by Vorderbrueggen, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2-year McDonald Park Contract with Scott Parrish. All yes.

The Park Board commended Parrish for a great job, McDonald Park looks great. Park board members receive compliments on the park often.

Larkin stated the Butch Anderson Gazebo is up and the base is there for the table. The family will order the tabletop and bring in basalt for the benches.

Parrish was contacted by Elaine McClintock, she would like use the memorial funds for Bones this year, possibly put in a bench in at McDonald Park.
Hammer asked Parrish to relay to her that she can present her plans to the Park Board.

Pool Update:
Larkin has been working on leveling the pool grounds and is currently putting in the sprinklers for the new grass.

So far, the city has received one application for pool manager and one application for lifeguard.

The pool opens the last day of school with a free swim that day.
Pool fees will be the same as last year.

Larkin stated we had issues with the pool pump in the past; WMS came and repaired it and now it has sat idle for 2 years. Hammer and Larkin requested WMS come help start up the pump to make ensure everything is operating properly.
The city is planning a grand opening for the pool in July, as the weather in June is unpredictable.

Skatepark:
The skatepark needs some paint touch ups after the renovation from last fall, the company hired a local person to do this.
Hoffman reported there is currently $2,800 remaining from private donations for the skatepark. Rachel Schad from the Chamber has designed a plaque with the donor names on it. Options involve moving the entrance gate to the skatepark, fixing the bent pole and refurbishing the old skatepark sign.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETING:
Vorderbrueggen has suggested that we meet three more times this year on a quarterly basis. The proposed dates for these meetings are:
- May 18
- August 17
- November 16

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Lynda Kramlich

Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk