

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 19, 2021
Zoom Meeting
5:30 pm

Public Services Committee Members Present; Ceri Otero, Juan Topete, James Harrison
Members Absent; Mike Daugherty

Staff Present; Tom Short, Mark Peterson, and Kailey Williams

Non-Members Present: Craig Diggs

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

Old Business:

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.
Mrs. Otero made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider and discuss declaring 2000 Chevy 3500 as surplus.**
Parks has a vehicle transferred to the department in 2011 by Carthage Water and Electric. It has been used as a portable welding vehicle. It requires repairs. The department has converted a trailer used in the same capacity as the truck with all the welding supplies making this a single person job. The converted trailer with welding equipment and supplies is the most efficient way to go.
Mrs. Otero made a motion to accept the 2000 Chevy 3500 for surplus. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Beyond Baseball- Mr. Peterson asked for Beyond Baseball to present a more defined proposal that we can work with. They would like to enter into a long-range agreement to use the field and operate Carl Lewton Stadium. They have suggested \$15,000-\$20,000 a year. More details will be provided in upcoming meetings as we work on an agreement in the city's best interest.

Fireworks- Mr. Peterson spoke with Riverside Fireworks about the contract for 2021. We need to decide if we want to stay with the larger show at \$14,950 or go with the smaller

show for \$11,975. Mr. Harrison pointed out that several people noticed that longer show and enjoyed it. Mr. Topete noted he would like to see where the budget is to see what the city can provide while being smart with money. Mr. Peterson is working Carthage Visitors Bureau to make the Fourth an all-weekend long event. More details will be presented at the next meeting.

Masterplan- Organizational and maintenance assessments are moving along well. Partnership Assessments have started. These assessments determine the level of service we provide to the community through us directly or our partnership contracts. The Survey has been distributed through many outlets for the public to engage. The Design Charrette process has started and is available online through the city website.

Golf Course- Numbers look good. Rounds and revenue are above historical averages. We have increased demand for events on the 2021 schedule. Golf course conditions are recognized as excellent, and our event services are recognized as more detailed than our competitors. It is nice to receive all of the requests.

Tom Short- Mr. Short addressed the rounds MTD for December were 24% higher than budgeted. Revenue is looking good as well. This is the highest revenue has been YTD in the last five years. Special use ordinances are still in the process and will not be ready for some time. There are many details to work out and information needed from all departments. Memorial Hall and Civil War Museum numbers have been down. Revenue with Memorial Hall and Civil War Museum is down compared to last year. The 5 Year CIP has been delivered to the department heads to be returned by February 19Th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.