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Commission Information Memorandum

The Yankton City Commission meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Agenda Items of Interest

1) Fire Department News

Recently, two entities that are part of the Yankton Fire Department held elections for new officers. As a result of these elections, two new Presidents have been elected. The Yankton Rural Fire Protection District recently elected Tom Holmstrom as President of that entity, replacing long time President Steve Rokahr. Rokahr expressed an interest to step down from the Presidency but still be a member of the Board. Also, the Yankton Volunteer Firefighter's Association elected Brad Binde as President of the Association, replacing Kirt Flannery.

2) New Park Signs

As per Commissioner comments at the May 12, 2008 City Commission Meeting, one "Meridian Bridge" designed sign has been constructed by the Springfield Unit and delivered to the Park Shop. The "Crockett Park" sign is currently sitting along the fence on the north side of the park shop. Please drive by the shop and examine the sign. The department is gathering input from staff and from Commissioners before ordering the remaining three signs.

3) National Field Archery Association

The Parks Department is constructing four (4) twenty-eight (28) target field ranges for the National Field Archery Association. Mark Jensen has been hired as a temporary Parks worker and will be working forty (40) hours per week, until approximately July 14, under Bruce Cull's direction, to create these ranges. Mark has been involved in mowing the twenty-eight (28) target shoots in the Paddle Wheel Point Trail and Nature Area as he prepares the area for the 2008 South Dakota State Archery Tournament, being held June 6-8. Mark has also been supervising four (4) inmates as they begin to construct the four ranges that will also be needed for the following tournaments this summer:

2008 National 3-D Tournament- July 18-20

2008 National Field Tournament- July 21-25

Range construction consists of tree trimming, mowing, debris removal, brush cutting/removal, dirt leveling, placing wood chips, placing ground markers, target butt placement, range sign placement, and other work assigned by Bruce Cull. There may be a possibility that Mark will also be directed to create two (2) thirty (30) target 3-D Ranges on the Nebraska side of the Meridian Bridge by July 14. These ranges would be used during the July 18-20 tournament. It is important to thank the Commission again

for the purchase of the 10.5' mower as the construction of the archery ranges removes one of the smaller mowers from the park's mowing fleet.

4) City Commission Meeting Video

A draft webpage with the City Commission's meeting video from the May 27, 2008 meeting has been developed and posted on the web. The video was converted from VHS to a digital format and uploaded to Google Video. Google Video is a free streaming service provided by the company. The player is inserted into a traditional webpage and the page was formatted to include a copy of the meeting agenda. The page is live to the public but not yet linked to from the City's website. The page can be viewed at: <http://yanktonsd.org/administration/commission/2008-5-27-city-commission-meeting.php>

5) Memorial Pool Facilities Update

The new equipment for Memorial Pool has been ordered. The commercial fanback chairs, commercial chaise lounge chairs, and commercial round tables have been delivered and are on the deck at the facility. The three base pipes for the three large umbrellas have been installed on the north pool deck. The umbrellas are to arrive at the end of the week of June 2. They can be installed once they have been delivered. The table/shelter and bench/shelter combo pieces of equipment were ordered upon approval. Staff has not been updated on their delivery date. The equipment will be analyzed when it is delivered and plans for installation will be made once it is in our possession.

Jim Snook reported on Friday, June 5, that currently the filter and chemical system have been working properly. Jim has had low alkalinity readings when he has tested the water so he has been using baking soda to raise the alkalinity readings. Low alkalinity readings affect the pH readings in the pool and the facility was having some pH bounce because of the low alkalinity levels, which in turn was affecting the chlorine readings. Jim will continue to work with the chemicals and work towards having the water balanced.

The pool heater is working correctly, except for when we have electrical outages due to the stormy spring weather. The pool temperature has been 78 degrees and Jim reports the early morning water temperature has also been reading 78 degrees.

The facility is having a problem with the new paint on the guardhouse floor and changing rooms. Research has been done and it is now known that rubber based paint was used on the floor sometime in past. Acrylic paint was being used the past few years and the reason the acrylic paint has been peeling and will not stick on the floor is because acrylic can not be painted over rubber based paint. If the present guardhouse is going to be used in future years, the staff will need to acid wash the floors and remove the loose layers of paint which are on top of the rubber based patches. Once the floor is properly prepared, rubber based paint could be applied again. The new paint on the guardhouse and changing rooms did help improve the appearance of the interior.

The Parks staff did not have any success using the Vermillion company to examine the inside of the wading pool filter lines. The camera that they brought could not maneuver up the lines because of the build-up that had occurred on the inside of the pipes through the years. Unfortunately, we do not have any more information on the condition of the wading pool filter lines.

As always, have an enjoyable weekend and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these or other issues. If you will not be able to attend the Commission meeting on Monday, please inform my office.

Sincerely,

Al Viereck
Finance Officer