

The December 19, 2024 meeting of the Glenwood Park Board was called to order by Chairman Randy Romens.

Roll Call: Park Superintendent Ron Mattox, Randy Romens, Vanessa Covington, Jim Henderson, Malcolm McCue, Councilman Mike Lines, Interim City Administrator Joe George.

Motion by Covington, 2nd by Henderson to approve the agenda, claims, and minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0

Grant Opportunities – Covington had asked that this be put on the agenda. She stated that it would be good to have a list of all available local grants and their submission dates so that we make sure we are not missing out on any opportunities. Some of these grants are: Mills County Community Foundation, Iowa West Foundation, Iowa DNR Tree Grant, Ray Thomas Fund, and Shellburg. George said he could help us come up with a complete list. We will discuss this more at our work session.

We will have a work session/planning meeting on January 13 at 5:00 pm at Keg Creek Brewery. George said he plans to be there with the new city administrator. He also reminded us that an agenda needs to be posted for this meeting. Things we plan on discussing are: 1/3/5/10 year plan, grants, each separate “facility”, infrastructure needs, and an asset management plan (as suggested by George).

Superintendent Report: Mattox stated that we ended up having more old lime (for the baseball fields) than we originally thought, but we still need a lot more. When asked about ARPA funds, George said there is still \$2600 left that needs to be used. The City Council has given him permission to spend it and he agreed that we could use it on the lime. Mattox said that \$2600 should get us about three loads. We will cover the cost beyond that. We are also using approved ARPA funds for water lines at the baseball fields. George has worked out a contract with Stouder Plumbing to pay 20% down by then end of the year. Mattox reported on other things they had been working on – repairs of the park sign that was damaged during the ice storm, someone tried to kick in the bathroom door, got all the water lines blown out, routines equipment maintenance, pickleball court locked for the winter. Other winter projects – take out dead trees and bush at Hiley Park, redo gravel at campground, and will close the lake road soon. Mattox also said that he did get a report from Sharp Blades on what they had done at the ball fields. Also, Mattox said he had replaced some sensors on some of the lights at the park. George mentioned that Mid America may have a program to help with changing over to LED lighting.

Other Business: George asked about the fence repairs and Mattox said he thought George just needed to reach out to ICAP at this time. In talking about locks on facilities, George mentioned how Malvern has one master lock, so need for different keys or

codes. He said that might be something we should look into. George also mentioned we have not gotten a signed User Agreement back from the soccer club yet. Mattox stated he has been working on the budget and wondered if we had any input. Romens said he would get together with him to work on it.

Henderson stated that the Little Free Library at Hiley had been vandalized again. That led to a discussion on security cameras. Covington stated that we had worked on this, with no luck, a few years ago. George said that there are now some long range Wi-Fi extenders that may work. This is something we need to work on again.

The meeting was adjourned.



Vanessa Covington, Secretary



Randy Romens, Chairperson