Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2018

Dan Wilkes called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Michelle McIllece, Dawn Ewoldt, Dan Wilkes Absent: Deb Theis, Brandon Lynch Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director, Ambyr Severson, Administrative Coordinator, Kim Downs, City Administrator and Aime Wichtendahl, City Council Member. Guests: Dan Hoffman

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Michelle McIllece, to approve the September 4, 2018 agenda as amended. Motion carried. Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Dawn Ewoldt to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018. Motion carried.

Guthridge Trail Reconstruction: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation advised the department is looking to replace all the asphalt trail from the middle cross trail to the south (the north end of the trail was constructed later and was installed correctly meaning no updates needed). We believe it will be best to replace the south end trail with new sub-base and asphalt. We would need to excavate a 10' wide path and put 8' of 3" asphalt trail in. Because of the poor subbase on the south end of the trail it is not a candidate for an overlay. Patching is also eliminated because of the difficulty of getting equipment in and out without damaging other portions of the trail. Due to the inability to patch/overlay sections and the lack of meeting ADA requirements we now need $50,330.00 to complete the project. With $250,000.00 funds leftover from the purchase of the Taylor property, it will allow us to complete this project, yet still have funding available to put towards the NW park planning. Pate Asphalt Systems came in with the lowest bid and is who we would like to use for the project.

Motion by Michelle McIllece, second by Dawn Ewoldt to recommend to council to approve Guthridge Park Trail updates and use Pate Asphalt Systems to do so. Motion carried.

Homebase Iowa Veterans Program: The Home Base Iowa program, initiated by former Governor Branstad and Major General Tim Orr, is a public-private partnership with the purpose of honoring veterans and supporting their families in making the transition to a new community in Iowa. Under Home Base Iowa, businesses submit career opportunities through the Home Base Iowa website and offer discounts on services, and municipalities offer discounts on public services such as facility rentals, recreation activities, utility service and building permits, etc. to qualified veterans. Since we already offer low income discounts of 50% off programming we will be adding the same service to our veterans.

Dog Park- Plans Advance for Hiawatha Dog Park: Kelly Willadsen advised that the warranty deed is all we're waiting on for the dog park to begin construction. We'd like to have the trees and seeding done before winter. Dan Wilkes asked what the annual usage would be. Kelly advised she was unsure what the projected usage will be but that they plan on adding additional parking. Kim Downs, City Administrator, added that Linn County was sure to add additional parking in the contract for the dog park so that it's not all at the trailhead.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Michelle McIllece to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkes, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director

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