Hiawatha Parks and Recreation
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019

Dan Wilkes called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. in the Hiawatha Council Chambers. Present: Dan Wilkes, Chris Klostermann, Charles Uthe, and Dawn Ewoldt. Absent: Michelle McIllece. Employees: Kelly Willadsen, Parks and Recreation Director.

Motion by Chris Klostermann second by Dawn Ewoldt, to approve the March 12, 2019 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Chris Klostermann, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Hiawatha Farmers Market Time Adjustment: Kelly asked commission members when they would like to see the market take place after there had been suggestions from a Hiawatha Business about changing the market to an earlier time. Since the commission already approved changing the market by a half an hour at January's meeting a discussion was had on what the best needs are for the Hiawatha residents and the guests coming to the market. Chris shared that his family attends the market after church on Sundays, if we start the market too early people will have to get their produce before church starts and produce won't be as fresh if it sits in their vehicles on a warm day. Dan mentioned that the market has been around for years, and if we change the time too drastically, we will lose customers. Kelly mentioned that there is not enough data to support changing the market too significantly. "We don't know what Hiawatha residents want, we haven't heard any complaints about the market time and people still show. Is it worth changing something drastically if it's working okay?" Dawn mentioned the market dies down at 1:00pm currently. She is okay with not moving the market to the early morning but maybe shifting it by an hour instead and offering the market from 10am-1pm for a happy medium. People can show up after or before church depending on where they go, and vendors will only need to show up an hour earlier compared to what they do now. Marketing will also be more simplified by stating that the market will be offered on the hour from 10am-1pm. All members of the commission came to an agreement.

Motion made by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Chris Klosterman, to adjust the Farmers Market start and end time from 10:30am-1:30pm to 10:00am to 1:00pm for the start of the 2019 season. Motion carried.

MSA Park Study: Kelly gave an update on the MSA Comp Plan update notifying commission that they will have a **committee meeting #4 at 5:30pm** with a public meeting to follow on **April 1st in the Multipurpose room of City Hall from 6:00pm-7:00pm**. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated so that you can hear what our residents have to say. Please promote the public meeting in any way that you can! We will send out postcards and post on our City Website and social media outlets.

Motion by Dawn Ewoldt, second by Charles Uthe, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkes, Chairperson

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ATTEST: Kelly Willadsen, Director of Parks and Recreation

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