

City Recreation Committee

Minutes

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Place: Margaret Key Library

80 12th Street – Apalachicola, FL 32320

Present Members: Elinor Mount-Simmons(*chair*), Tasia Jones (*secretary*), Diane Brewer, Torben Madson, Mark Milliken

Alternative: *Donna Ingle*

Guest:

Chair Elinor Mount-Simmons called the meeting to order_around 6:07 p.m. The agenda for today prepared by Elinor was distributed.

The minutes of the prior meeting, September 19, 2019 prepared by prior secretary Diane Brewer were approved by all Board Members in a motion made by Torben and seconded by Mark, copies will be sent to City Clerk, Deborah Guillotte and City Manager, Ron Nalley.

Business Matters:

Old Business – City Parks and Park Reviews

Diane and Donna reported about the Lafayette Park being repaired and what would be the fee structure on Battery Park, RV's, boat slips and the Annex to Battery Park. Discussion of a possible way of collecting money from RV's and Semi's when they park at the Battery Annex over night or for long periods of time. The Riverfront park was mentioned by Diane and Elinor stated there were no visible problems there and the board agreed so we moved on to the next park

Sylvester we all agreed that the park has been closed a long time and over that period it has become dilapidated, all of which was discussed with the parks and their condition we all agreed that a fresh look was needed on the subjects and would discuss these subjects at the next meeting. In addition to the old business handouts were given by Diane and Donna.

Handouts given by Donna Ingle to each board member explained the map, survey and the **Marina and Park Management Agreement** of the city parks (please see attached documents) Note: John Solomon is aware that the Agreement is out of date.

Donna suggested that a generic letter be given to people that were on or had their property on City owned property about moving, buying, renting, but the board agreed that right now that would have to be thought out a little farther in the future if at all, the word **encroachment** came up.

Diane mentioned buying trees to place in the parks, and mentioned that the citizens of the city don't know the rules and the City therefore won't enforce the rules.

Torben mentioned a billing model for collecting monies online for RV's and boats. A Recreation account was mentioned as well.

Diane Brewer gave handouts of the **Apalachicola City Commission Request for Board Action Meeting** that took place on October 8, 2019. The subject was Grant Submittal Approval – 2019 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program from the **Apalachicola Tree Committee** (please see attached documents of this meeting in detail.) The summary of the meeting was The Tree Committee preparing a **grant request of \$5,000.00** to fund a tree inventory and management study for the Battery and Lafayette Parks. Also, another handout given by Diane to each member of the board was the minutes from a **Special Meeting** that took place on **August 27, 2019**, page 2 reads "Commissioner Ash then amended the above motion to include that if there are any concerns that come up, that there will be a special meeting held. Commissioner Bartley seconded and the motion carried 5-0." **C. 2019 – 2020 Annual Budget and CIP Review** highlighted by Diane in the minutes was "Mr. Nalley stated fees at the marinas are still being researched and staff will have a recommendation in the near future." (please see attached document for minutes in detail.)

New Business – Public Right-of Ways

Updates from the County Commission meeting which Donna Ingle attended back on August 29th 2019 which Chris Langston Industries was again seeking approval for mining, shelling, and barging a project proposed to be conducted in Battery Park, it was mentioned that back in August 2019 the County took no action but that the letter as Apalachicola Times Newspaper reported that Langston has a letter showing that former Mayor Johnson was in support of the project and that Langston “continued to work on a deal with Apalachicola to get Battery Park rezoned for shipping purposes.” The City letter was distributed among the Recreation Committee back in 2017. Diane made a motion seconded by Mark that the Committee did express opposition with this purposed project and any rezoning of the Battery Park. The goal is to ask the City rescind its support letter for the proposed shelling and barging project on Battery Park. The committee has not yet done this to the best of my knowledge. Reason for its necessity is that the City's old letter is still being used to show current support for the project. the motion was passed unanimously. Besides the business of that issue, I don't believe any new business was discussed.

Announcements

We are awaiting those updates if any, of the new business mentioned above. Tasia Jones has been appointed secretary of the Recreation Committee as of September 2019,

The meeting was adjourned at 6: 49 p.m.

Tasia Jones,
Secretary