

**RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes from Monthly Meeting** *12*  
**August 8, 2019**

Present: Johnny Brazil, Jamey Ellis, Mayor Richard Harris, Greg Hines, Terry Thomas  
Absent: Dallis Clark, Bryan Fisher  
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy  
Guests: Hannah Butler-The Courier; Joe Bradshaw; Tom Cosner

**Call to Order**

Terry Thomas called the meeting to order at noon.

**Approval of Minutes (7-11-19)**

Greg Hines made a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Johnny Brazil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Parks Commission Expectations & Charter**-Mayor Richard Harris addressed the commissioners about the current and future roles of the parks commission. He would like the commissioners to be more active and involved in decisions made regarding capital projects. By receiving more input from the commission members, the Director gets a broader perspective of park needs in the community.

**Old Business (None)**

**New Business**

- A. Aquatic Center Punch Passes**-The commissioners voted during the March meeting to begin selling daily admission punch cards at the Aquatic Center. Ten visit cards were sold for \$45.00. Seventy-four cards were sold during the initial five months, and \$3,330.00 was generated. A recommendation was made to continue with the promotion. Jamey Ellis made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- B. Aquatic Center Black Friday Discounts**-A suggestion was made to discount individual and family passes at the Aquatic Center on Black Friday. Discounted amounts of 10% and 15% were discussed. A recommendation was made to table the decision until facility fees are reviewed by the Mayor and Department Director. Johnny Brazil made a motion in favor of the recommendation. Greg Hines seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- C. Capital Projects**-The commissioners received a sales tax work-down list showing sales tax revenue on hand as well as tax revenue to be received thru 2-28-21. Committed projects and projects the Department Director felt were a priority were deducted from the revenue, and the balance remaining was estimated at \$82,770.35. A capital improvement project list that was prioritized by a previous commission and director was given to the commissioners. A list of projects deemed as priority by Terry Thomas was also distributed. Mayor Harris urged the commissioners to review all the information for input and discussion at future meetings.

**Updates**

- A. Dog Park**-The City Finance Committee approved an appropriation for \$30,834.87 for fencing and concrete work for the new dog park at Pleasant View Park. The request will be presented to full council for approval.
- B. Aquatic Center**-Racer Swim Club has increased membership under the leadership of their new coach. Coach Smothers will also be offering advanced swim classes at the center. Hours of operation reverted back to regular non-summer hours on August 12.
- C. Park Master Plan**-A contract has been signed with Halff + Marlar to develop a Park Master Plan. A conference call is scheduled next week to determine the first step in the process.
- D. Wheelchair Swing**-Alderman Olson has secured donations to purchase a wheelchair swing at Sequoyah Park.
- E. Monthly Report**-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.
- F. Upcoming Events**-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00p.