

City of Clearwater, Kansas

Sedgwick County

Joint Meeting – City Council, School Board, Recreation Commission - **MINUTES**

March 8, 2021

Clearwater Middle & Intermediate School

Clearwater, KS 67026

1. **Call to Order**

BOE President Diane Nickelson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

In Attendance

City Council – Mayor Burt Ussery, Crystal Walter, Justin Shore, Chad Pike

School Board – Darla Hall, Eric Walter, Jodi McBee, Diane Nickelson, Chris Cooper (Superintendent), Collette Watson, Maranda Pike, Layne Pike.

Recreation Commission – Amanda German, Layne Pike, Jamie Tjaden, John Hurley

Other Staff Members – Ron Marsh (City Administrator), Courtney Zollinger (City Clerk), Beki Zook (Rec Director)

2. **Agenda**

Chris Cooper asked if the Rec Commission would go through their goals for the funds that are being levied for them through the school.

Amanda German spoke on behalf of the Rec and stated that the Rec's goal is to provide activities for all community members not just kids. They have started the discussion to analyze if a recreation building would be a good fit for the community. As of yet, there are no plans to put one in. The board is strictly putting ideas together to see if there is a desire to have one and how would it be used and paid for.

Currently the programs the Rec offers is basketball, baseball, flag football, volleyball, 4th of July bike ride, Christmas Parade of Lights, St Patrick's Day Run, Father and Daughter Dance. They are also using part of the mill levy to pay for the improvements that were done at the high school football field.

The Rec pointed out that community groups such as the School and the City have always come to the Rec Commission for funding opportunities and not vice versa.

When looking at a Rec Center they are looking at pricing and asking if it is feasible. Right now, the short-term goal is to find out if the community need is for a rec center. The long-term plan would be, if it discovered a rec center is the way to go, is to develop a plan to put one in place.

Rec pointed out that the Commission has put \$400,000 toward community projects for the City and the School. The football field will be paid off this year.

Mayor Ussery asked if there has been any feedback from discussion of putting in a rec center. German stated the commission has only talked about it amongst themselves and it has not been introduced to the public yet for their feedback.

Mayor also asked if a rec center was built is there a sense that it would attract others? Zook stated that it would add to the quality of life in Clearwater.

Mayor Ussery agreed that a quality of life is a very importance for people when choosing between one community over the other.

Eric Walter asked aside from the large rec center are their other smaller plan in the making for the Rec. Currently Rec did not have small projects except trying to incorporate community wide programs for all ages.

Ron Marsh informed the room that the City is getting ready to go through the Comprehensive Plan and this would be an ideal opportunity to utilize the focus groups that will be put together for the Comprehensive Plan to also use them for a Rec Center discussion. Through the Comprehensive Plan discussions, stakeholders in the community will be asked to be a part of it plan.

Eric Walter asked if after the football field is paid off if the Recreation Commission mills that the school is levying for them will decrease. Darla Hall reported that the agreement between the Rec and the School was for the School to levy 1.5mills for the purpose of making payments on the football field. Once the debt was paid the 1.5mills would be removed. Cooper did explain that if there are future projects that the are identified then the mil levy can be rediscussed.

Council, Board, and Commission felt the discussion was good and would like to get together again more regularly, possibly twice a year if not sooner.

3. Adjournment

With no further discussion the meeting ended at 6:55pm

CERTIFICATE

State of Kansas }
County of Sedgwick }
City of Clearwater }

I, Courtney Zollinger, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the March 8, 2021 joint meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, Kansas, this 23rd day of March 2021

Courtney Zollinger, City Clerk