

***Golf Advisory Board
Kearney, Nebraska
November 16, 2015
5:30 p.m.***

A meeting of the Golf Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in an open and public session at 5:30 p.m. on November 16, 2015, at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course, 3300 30th Avenue, Kearney NE 68847. Present were: Board members: Chairman Ken Nikels, Pam Pearson, Nick Erdman, and Gary Chramosta. Absent: Chet Graham and Jim Van Amburg. City Staff present; Dave James, Golf Services Manager; Dan Knipping, Golf Superintendent; Scott Hayden, Park & Recreation Director; Robyn Bowman, Recording Secretary.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairman and Board Members of the Golf Advisory Board. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Golf Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Nikels announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted towards the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Chramosta, seconded by Pearson, that the minutes of the Golf Advisory Board meeting held on August 24, 2015, be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Chet Graham and Jim Van Amburg. Motion carried.

GOLF COURSE MANAGER REPORT

James reviewed a report of rounds played, versus round projected for fiscal year 2014-15. The report showed that a total of 1,003 rounds short of projections. Of that number a shortage of 510 projected rounds wasn't played in May due to weather related circumstances that prevented play. The board also reviewed a report showing the past 10 fiscal years, it showed rounds averaging between 33,900 at the highest to 27,482 as the lowest. The 2005/06 had the most rounds played while 2013/14 was the lowest.

James also reported on the passes/punch cards sold during the last 5 years. The 5 year average showed: 131.4 Green Fee Punch Cards sold; 264.8 Cart Cards sold; and 265 Season Passes sold. These are total numbers of all passes in each type of pass. New this year is the Elite Pass which sold a total of 24. James stated that he felt our numbers were strong and according to national trend everything is fine. Several board members commented that they heard positive comments on the Elite Passes.

The Financial Year 15 Cash Flow Summary showed a positive balance of \$123,345. It was reported that the City Finance Director would like to have, and keep a \$250,000 fund balance. Board Member Chramosta suggested that an option for raising funds for the course would be to advertise on carts with wraps. He showed staff and board members pictures of carts at a course that had the advertisements on them.

The Board discussed the fees for 2016 which will remain the same, as well as the fees for 2017 which will also remain the same with the addition of a Family Elite Pass. A motion was made by

Erdman and second by Pearson to keep prices the same for 2017 year with the addition of the Family Elite Pass: \$2,330 for a 5 day and \$2,500 for a 7 day. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Chet Graham and Jim Van Amburg. Motion carried.

GOLF MAINTENANCE REPORT

Superintendent Knipping reported that replacement for a new irrigation pump is out to bid, with bid opening set for Tuesday, November 24. The roof of the pump house is causing some issues for potential bidders since it will have to be removed in order to get the old pump out and new pump in and set up. There is \$175,000 budgeted for the project.

Maintenance staff is working with Steinbrink Landscaping on replacing the parking lot island bushes, removing dead trees, aerifying, fertilizing and applying herbicide. Knipping stated that he would like to get more trees established in the tree nursery for future use on the course.

It was also reported that to help in winterizing Hole 14, a snow fence will be put up to protect it from the wind coming off the lake.

REPORTS/COMMENTS

Pearson commented that she thinks the cart wraps are a good idea as an additional source of revenue. Director Hayden stated that staff will explore the possibility.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made Pearson, and seconded by Chramosta. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Chet Graham and Jim Van Amburg. Motion carried.

ROBYN BOWMAN
RECORDING SECRETARY