

# INDEPENDENCE USD #446 RECREATION COMMISSION

*Monthly Meeting & RNR/Budget Hearing Sept. 15, 2021*

*Ash Youth Center  
1501 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christy Mavers  
Ron Goins  
Tony Turner  
Joe Cooley  
Moises Rivera

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brent Julian  
Lori Bromley  
Nick McBride  
Jim Butts  
Galen Palmer

Christy Mavers opened the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

## **ROUTINE**

### **Agenda**

Ron Goins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Minutes**

Tony Turner moved to approve the board minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting. Ron Goins seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Bills**

Joe Cooley moved to approve the September 2021 invoices and checks for payment as presented in the amount of \$3,111.89 as well as bills and employee benefits paid since the previous board meeting in the amount of \$22,289.73. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Galen Palmer reported the following bank balances as of August 31, 2021: First Oak Bank – Checking; \$206,228.74, First Oak Bank – Petty Cash; \$500.00, Equity Bank – Savings; \$58,912.84. Ron Goins moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING**

### **Revenue Neutral Rate Review**

Brent discussed the revenue-neutral tax rate (RNTR) with the commission and answered any questions. Brent stated this new law, senate bill 13, just went into effect this year and is now a statute. Brent stated it has left most entities a bit confused, however the bottom line is IRC will not raise the mills for the new budget year 2021-22 however, due to this revenue neutral rate, technically the budget will increase approximately \$5,000 due to an overall increase in property tax values.

### **Community Input**

There was no community input at the meeting.

## **Commission Input**

There was no commission input during the meeting.

## **BUDGET HEARING**

### **Budget Review**

Brent Julian handed out copies and reviewed the 2021-2022 budget with the commissioners and answered any questions. Brent informed the commission he will continue to have approximately \$130,000 in capital improvements which includes \$72,000 for the new sports complex, \$25,000 for ball field maintenance and another \$25,000 towards the Ash Center capital improvements.

### **Community Input**

There was no community input at the meeting.

### **Commission Input**

The commission evaluated the 2021-2022 budget and addressed any concerns and recommendations. Joe Cooley asked if IRC will still owe \$1,000,000.00 towards the new sports complex or would applying for grants and being approved lower that obligation. Brent stated that most likely IRC will still be in the project for the one million over the course of the next twenty years. Brent did state that a substantial grant has been applied for and has made it through the first initial stage which is encouraging.

## **PROGRAM/OPERATIONS**

### **Maintenance Report**

Jim Butts answered any questions the board had on the maintenance report. Christy Mavers asked Jim about the bids for the city and Jim stated they are working on bids for a new umbrella as well as shut-off valves for the shower units as they did not come installed.

### **Programs Report**

Nick McBride answered any questions the board had on the programs report. Ron Goins asked about the pickleball tournament scheduled for this fall and Nick stated he plans to offer men's doubles, mixed doubles and women's doubles. Nick stated that pickleball continues to be a success and with enough participants he hopes to offer different age divisions in the future. Christy stated that the fall sport participation numbers seem to be up from last year and especially in soccer, she also asked about training new referee's and Nick stated that yes soccer numbers are up as well as volleyball and flag football. Nick stated he will meet with all new officials to go over rules and answer any questions.

### **Director/Special Events Report**

Brent Julian answered any questions the board had on the Director and Aquatics report. Brent updated the board on the latest updates on the new sports complex. Brent stated that the school district has joined the project and another ten acres was secured to have a regulation size baseball field included in the project for high school games. Brent stated that FEMA and the ADA have given their final approval and the design committee is now working on the plans for the press boxes and storage facility. Brent stated demo is still scheduled to begin on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the capital campaign committee is still busy working on sponsorships. Ron Goins asked about the maintenance that will be required at the new

complex and Brent stated that if the college is willing to take management of the Arco Complex on South Tenth St. that would help free up time for IRC's maintenance crew. Brent stated that is one reason he is pushing for turf infields at the new complex, however there may be times that city staff will need to step in and help with maintaining the complex.

## **BUSINESS/FINANCE**

### **Approval of the 2021-2022 Budget**

Ron Goins moved to approve the fiscal year 2022 budget as presented. Joe Cooley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **RBFAC Updates**

Brent Julian informed the commission of updates at Riverside Beach Family Aquatic Center. Brent stated that the city is once again having the painting and re-surfacing done at the aquatic center because they did not feel it was done correctly the first time, the company they hired has agreed to come back and do it a second time. Brent informed the board that the pool finance reports should be ready by the October meeting and he will get a year-end meeting scheduled with city officials in the near future.

### **Ash Center Pool Hours Update**

Brent updated the board on where things are at involving opening the Ash Center pool on weekend afternoons. Brent stated that IRC attorney, Dan Reynolds, is preparing a waiver to be signed by all adult members using the pool and supervising their children releasing IRC from any liability in case of an accident. Brent stated that Dan is also currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding. Brent stated that all minors must be accompanied by an adult, with no more than 3 children per adult and signs will be posted in plain sight in several locations. Brent stated that the plan is to open 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

### **Executive Session**

There was no need for an executive session.

### **Items from the Commission**

There were no items from the commission

### **Agreement for Action on Items from the Commission**

There was no agreement for action on items from the commission.

Ron Goins moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Turner seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Christy Mavers adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Turner,  
Secretary