

# CROCKETT RECREATION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, MAY 6, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Cusack. All commissioners were present: Airoidi, Cusack, Choquette, Quade, and Valentini.  
  
Staff present: District Secretary (DS) Rivas, Recreation Department Manager (RDM) Wilson, and Events Supervisor (ES) Morales.
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: DS Rivas shared that the restaurant she manages celebrated their fifth anniversary, Cinco de Mayo was a great success and welcomed everyone to visit.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes for April 8, 2024. (Valentini 1<sup>st</sup>, Choquette 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5/0)
5. RECREATION: None.
6. BUDGET AND FINANCE:
  - a. RECREATION TRANSMITTALS: Mr. Wilson explained the \$12,856.93 charge for Pool ADA Remo of DC Construction Inc. is for the ADA renovations.
  - b. BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2024: DS Rivas provided an update on the budget process. The sewer use charge process has taken up the majority of the time for the ASM and has caused some delays with the budget. Ms. Goodman has not met with the Board Budget & Finance Committee as of yet. She confirmed that Commissioners Valentini and Cusack are on the Recreation Budget & Finance Committee.
7. ADMINISTRATIVE:
  - a. ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT BOARD: Jeff Airoidi was reappointed to the Recreation Commission. The Ad Hoc for 1 Rolph Park Drive has been postponed by a month. She informed Commissioner Choquette that she will coordinate the first meeting when it finally went into motion. The Board was not comfortable with the recommended Sewer Use Charge (SUC) increase and asked staff to provide an alternative and present it again at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. Ms. Rivas confirmed to Ms. Choquette that Valley Operators will be leaving soon and SDM Barnhill is in the process of identifying a replacement.

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Members: Jeff Airoidi (VC), Louise Choquette, Tom Cusack (C), Valerie Quade, John Valentini

- b. UPDATE ON PROP 68 BID (ALEXANDER PARK): RDM Wilson reported that the project is moving along and expects that the pool will be able to open without any problems in time for Memorial Day weekend.
- c. DISCUSS RECREATION TAX: DS Rivas presented Resolutions 11/12-11 and 22/23-23 regarding the annual recreation special tax levy and reminded the commissioners that the annual Recreation special tax levy is presented to the Board in May. She provided a brief history of the tax increase. The tax was only \$50 when the District was created in 2006. The amount was increased in 2012 through a special ballot measure and increased to no more than \$110.

RDM Wilson argued that the District's finances have not been maintained appropriately and Recreation has not had an accurate reporting of their income and expenses for over two years. Ms. Rivas reminded the Commission that Maze & Associates was hired specifically to correct and reconcile the District's accounting records but two-plus years of backlog will take some time. She reminded the commissioners that although accurate spending reports have not been made available, Mr. Wilson has repeatedly reported that costs have increased for the pool, including the cost of chemicals and labor. With that, she suggested that the commissioners may want to consider raising the tax but the timeline to assess a possible increase in time to get it on the ballot the current year has passed. She will bring the item back in December or January to consider. Mr. Wilson provided an overview of the process to determine the tax rate. A report is presented to the Recreation Commission that compares income and expenses from the different revenue sources. If expenses exceed income, the Commission could argue in favor of a specified rate increase via a ballot measure passed by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority. This report was not presented for 2023 due to the accounting situation. A motion to recommend the continuation of Recreation Special Tax in the amount of \$110 per residential parcel was carried unanimously. (Valentini 1<sup>st</sup>, Airoidi 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5/0)

The landscaping company was terminated due to the decline in the quality of their work. They were replaced with a Crockett-based landscaper who also performs landscaping for the John Swett Unified School District. C&H is also considering hiring him.

The diving board has been repaired and a new diving board tray has been ordered from a different company that costs \$2,000 less than the previous vendor. It is expected to arrive the following week. Phillips 66 has granted \$54,000 for water safety training for two dates. The amount covers family passes, wet bag, towels, swim caps, and swimsuits for those who attend the training. The first date (May 5<sup>th</sup>) resulted in 87 families and 17 kids. The second date (June 1<sup>st</sup>) has 83 families and 147 kids registered. This grant brings \$48,000 in cash to the department. Everyone has been grateful for the program. The pool has a maximum capacity of 200. Mr. Wilson is concerned that they may have to turn people away if all of the families attend on the same day.

The Walk of Honor is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Crockett receives a portion of the funds raised at this event and used towards the renovation of Memorial Hall. Recreation received a significant amount of interest in lifeguard applications, 19 of which passed their exams and are now undergoing training.

Mr. Wilson announced his resignation effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson was thanked for his service. He is leaving huge shoes to fit. He was especially commended on his ability to get things done quickly and very economically. He has hired a pool manager who is currently undergoing pool-related training. He will make himself available when the District needs him to oversee some projects that are scheduled for Fall. And that his report.

The current construction work being done is the Alexander Park sewer repair. The project has been on the books for years but is just being implemented. The Prop 68 project triggered the Alexander Park project as an effort to kill two birds with one stone. The pavers were going to be replaced but would be too expensive for Recreation to do it on its own. Unfortunately, the paver project continues to be too expensive and was excluded from the scope of work.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Valentini informed the District Secretary that an appraisal to determine replacement value is due every five years.
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
  - Recreation Use Tax for FY 25/26
  - Website update.
  - Five-year appraisal
10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.
11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM until June 3, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonia Rivas, MBA  
District Secretary