

# FAIRBURY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Member Rogge made the statement regarding the Open Meetings Act as required by statute.

1. Member Phil Rogge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for roll call. Other members present were: Brian Schmidt, Kelly Davis and Tim Polson.

2. Next, was the motion to convene.

Member Polson made the motion to convene. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

3. Next, was the approval of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, minutes. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Schmidt made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was Discussion and recommendation regarding a request from Brian Schmidt to waive the camping fees at Crystal Springs Park on October 22 and 23, 2021 for the "Creep night at Crystal" Halloween celebration. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Brian Schmidt spoke in regards to this request. He stated that this is an event that campers have been having for a while now and the attendance has a lot to do with the weather but he thought that waiving the camping fees might be a good incentive to get more people to camp out at Crystal Springs. He noted that he did not think it would be a big expense to the city and stated that he believes that the \$700 revenue loss listed in the memo from Bedlan might refer to the entire month of October instead of just that week. Bedlan stated those were the numbers that she got from the Crystal Springs billing and that he could be correct, she did not know how often that money is collected. Member Rogge stated that it has been brought to his attention that if that camp ground were full for that weekend it might be a significant loss in revenue. It is also noted that the Shrine has to pay a vendor fee when they use the city park and Doug Brown stated that he thought the shrine made a significant donation to the city for the use of the park. Bedlan stated that she did not recall if they did. Rogge asked if waiving ½ of the fee or just one day would be a good compromise. Member Schmidt agreed that it would. There was some discussion about camping rates at other camps and it is noted that people come from all over to attend these events. Davis noted that the commission can revisit this request yearly and if they feel a need to adjust in the future they can. Member Polson made the motion to recommend City Council approve the request from Brian Schmidt to waive the camping fees at Crystal Springs Park on Saturday October 23, 2021 for the "Creep night at Crystal" Halloween celebration. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

5. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding a request from Brian Schmidt to host a Christmas at Crystal Celebration from December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 25<sup>th</sup> and to use the park from December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 27<sup>th</sup> for display set up, drive through and display removal. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Brian Schmidt spoke in regards to this request. He stated that they are trying to set up a drive through Christmas display at Crystal Springs park. The lights for the most part would be located on the camper pads and from the City he is requesting electricity and to amend the park hours so that he can lock the

park at night to prevent vandalism to the displays. He stated that for the rest of the day the park could be open for normal use. The parks staff agreed to open the park in the morning during regular work hours and Schmidt agreed to manage the opening and closing at night and on the weekends. There was some discussion about regular campers during the event and it was agreed that if someone was using the park for camping then they could and the park would be left open for them. Schmidt noted that just having a camper in the park should be deterrent enough for vandalism. Bedlan noted that the records from Crystal last year showed that there were no campers in the month of December. Member Davis made the motion to recommend City Council approve the request from Schmidt to host a Christmas at Crystal Celebration from December 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 25<sup>th</sup> and to use the park from December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 27<sup>th</sup> for display set up, drive through and display removal. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Schmidt, Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

7. Next, were public comments on non-agenda items

With no comments from the public on non-agenda items member Davis made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Rogge, Polson, Davis and Schmidt) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.