

RUSSELLVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
Minutes from Monthly Meeting 22
March 14, 2024

Present: Johnny Brazil, Greg Hines, Joshua Holmes, Chris Olson, Nick Ouzts, Terry Thomas
Absent: Hank Huggins
Person Recording: Kelli Nealy
Guests: None

Call to Order

Greg Hines called the meeting to order at noon.

Approval of Minutes

Johnny Brazil made a motion to accept the minutes from the 10-12-23 commission meeting. Nick Ouzts seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business-(None)

New Business

- A. Commission Chairman Election**-Johnny Brazil made a motion to elect Greg Hines as the chairman of the parks commission for 2024. Nick Ouzts seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- B. Park Vendor Permits**-Individuals and/or companies wishing to sell items in our parks, excluding parks with operating concessions, are currently required to have a parks vendor permit and pay a fee of \$50.00 annually. Problems have occurred in the past, therefore the Parks Director made a recommendation to not allow vendors in our parks except at special events. Various ideas were discussed. This agenda item was tabled until next month.

Updates

- A. Turf Project**-The turf projects at Pleasant View Park and Hickey Park have been completed. The new backstops are finished at Pleasant View Park. Two softball tournaments have been held at Pleasant View Park, and Hickey Park was the host site for two baseball tournaments.
- B. Soccer Light Project**-The field lights have been ordered for field eight at the Soccer Complex.
- C. Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Grant**-The City is applying for a 75/25 matching grant thru Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. Grant funds will be used to replace the boat dock and overlay the parking lot at Ouita boat launch.
- D. 2024 Projects**-The Parks Director listed the following park projects for 2024:
- Field lighting at the Soccer Complex
 - Replace the boat dock and overlay the parking lot at Ouita Boat Launch
 - Pickleball Courts at the Soccer Complex
 - Develop Circle Drive Park into a neighborhood park
 - Parking lot overlay at Pleasant View Park
 - New play unit at Washburn Park
- E. Eclipse**-All parks department preparations and plans are complete for the eclipse on April 8.
- F. Monthly Report**-The commissioners received a copy of the department's monthly report.
- G. Upcoming Events**-A schedule of upcoming events was given to the commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.