

HEWITT TEXAS

PARKS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Hewitt Community Services-Conference Room
103 N. Hewitt Dr, Hewitt, TX 76643

MINUTES

Members: Jerry Snider, Casey Lowrey, Vernon Bailey, Tyler Green, Nathan Rusterholtz, Ryan A. NeGron, Richard Driver

Attendee Name	Absent	Present	Arrived
Jerry Snider	☐	☒	5:53 p.m.
Casey Lowrey	☐	☒	5:56 p.m.
Vernon Bailey	☒	☐	
Ryan NeGron	☒	☐	
Nathan Rusterholtz	☐	☒	5:58 p.m.
Tyler Green	☐	☒	5:56 p.m.
Richard Driver	☒	☐	

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lowrey motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider approval of the minutes for the May 15th, 2024 Parks & Beautification regular meeting.
MOTION: Mr. Lowrey made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 15th, 2024 Parks and Beautification regular meeting at 6:02 pm.
SECOND: Mr. Green seconded the motion.
AYES: Mr. Snider, Mr. Green, Mr. Rusterholz, and Mr. Lowrey
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Negron
MOTION PASSED.
2. Discussion of park updates.

Mr. Coleman discussed the installation of a toddler's playground at Warren Park. He described the location which is near the new pavilion in Warren Park. He explained that the City is in the beginning phases of the installation process. The City has established a pad using dirt work for the playground and added dirt around the new pavilion to smooth out the area and make it more level. Mr. Coleman mentioned that the crew left enough space between the pavilion and the playground to connect to a sidewalk leading to the playground. He discussed that the city is currently adding a concrete border for fencing to outline the playground to make it more secure. Mr. Lowery asked if the City would be adding benches to the playground and Mr. Coleman reassured him that adding benches to the playground was in the plans. Mr. Rusterholtz inquired about plans to add shading in the area. Mr. Coleman mentioned that it is a possibility in the future. He discussed that the City has plans to install an additional playground for older children in the area. Mr. Coleman discussed that once the second playground is installed it would give him a better idea of the type and size of shading that is needed, and he will look at options for shading at that time.

Mr. Coleman discussed the installation of handrails on the new walkway bridge in Hewitt Park near the playground area. He described that city staff were able to install the handrails. The City fleet mechanic and drainage crews cut, welded, attached, and painted the metal-framed handrails to the concrete path. Mr. Coleman explained that there are plans to install two (2) more walkways down the creek in Hewitt Park.

3. Discussion and possible action on adopting Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreations and Beautification bylaw's.

Mr. Coleman discussed the process of the final draft of the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreation and Beautification bylaws. Mr. Coleman explained that we took the suggestions from past meetings and made a draft including the suggestions, then sent them to the city secretary for finalization. The Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Beautification bylaws was presented to the City Manager for review. Mr. Coleman explained that what was being presented to the Parks and Beautification Committee is the final draft and is now ready to be considered to be adopted.

Mr. Rusterholtz asked about Section 2 (A) previously mentioned recycling being omitted. Mr. Coleman discussed that the City Manager decided to omit recycling due to the city currently being under contract with a recycling company. Mr. Lowery asked about the location being changed to the Community Services Building. He was concerned about seating arrangements if members of the public wanted to attend. Mr. Coleman explained that if the public wanted to attend, the location could be changed for that meeting. He discussed the difficulties of arranging a meeting in the workshop room at City Hall and that the conference room at the Community Services Building is always available and better suited for the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting. The Parks and Beautification Committee members present reviewed the changes to the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreation, and Beautification bylaws.

MOTION: Mr. Lowery made a motion to approve adopting the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreation and Beautification bylaws.

SECOND: Mr. Rusterholtz seconded the motion.

AYES: Mr. Snider, Mr. Green, Mr. Rusterholz, and Mr. Lowery

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Negron
MOTION PASSED.

4. Discussion on appointing board positions.

Mr. Coleman discussed voting on appointing board positions in January as stated in the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreations, and Beautification bylaws. The Parks and Beautification members present agreed to continue as is and will revisit voting on appointing board positions in January 2025 per the Advisory Committee on Parks, Recreations, and Beautification bylaws.

5. Discussion on the kite festival.

There was nothing new to add to the kite festival. Mr. Lowery suggested to keep this item on the agenda for continued discussion.

6. Discussion of future agenda items.

There are no suggested future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Lowery made a motion to adjourn the Parks and Beautification Committee Meeting at 6:29 p.m.

SECOND: Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

AYES: Mr. Snider, Mr. Green, Mr. Rusterholz, and Mr. Lowery

NAYES: None

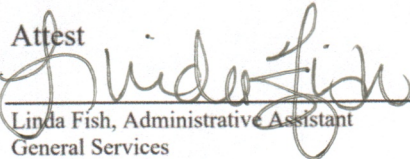
ABSENT: Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Negron

MOTION PASSED.

Date Approved: _____

8/21/24

Attest


Linda Fish, Administrative Assistant
General Services

