GALE KLEINKOPF	PATTY LEE	VACANT	DOUG PIPER	ED PRATER	VACANT	RAY WIGHT
	CHAIR PERSON			VICE CHAIR		

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TOM COURTNEY	**CITY MANAGER**
GREG LANTING	**CITY COUNCIL LIASION**
MIKE HAMBLIN	**PGA PROFESSIONAL**
DENNIS BOWYER	**PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR**

TWIN FALLS MUNICIPAL GOLF ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

March 11, 2009* * * * * 11:00am * * * * * City Council Chambers

Members Present: **Gale Kleinkopf, Patty Lee, Doug Piper, Ed Prater and Ray Wight**

Members Absent: **None**

Council Present: **Greg Lanting**

Staff Present: **Dennis Bowyer and Mike Hamblin**

MINUTES

Patty Lee called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Patty Lee made a correction to the February 11th, 2009 minutes on Item #5, third paragraph to include: Burley CC, Gooding CC and Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. A motion was made by Ray Wight to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting with the corrections. Patty Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 1 Membership – Staff & Commission

Dennis updated the Commission on the openings for the Advisory Board. The City has received eight applications for the two openings. Interviews will be held on Friday, March 13th at the City Hall conference room. Two of the applicants will be out of town for the interviews so a questionnaire will be sent to them to fill out and they will possibly do a phone interview. A couple of the applicants reside outside of city limits but City Code states that Council can waive that requirement. The new members should be at the April meeting.

Gale asked why the Commission is not making recommendations to appoint the new members anymore. Dennis explained that the Mayor is wanting to be more involved and that City Code states: The Mayor shall appoint the members on the Commission and confirmed by Council.

Item #2 Golf Tournaments - Staff

On Monday, March 2nd, the City Council approved the waiver of green fees for CSI's, the Library Foundation's and the Inner-City Ladies' Golf tournaments. Our own fundraiser tournament must get the

approval from the Community Foundation first to use them to handle the funds again this year before presenting to Council. Dennis would like to give Council a list of what the money will be spent on when presenting the request to waive the greens fees. He thought that presenting this to Council in April would allow enough time for the Commission to get together to discuss different ideas of what to use the fundraiser money on. Mike Hamblin suggested using some of the fundraiser money for new chairs and tables in the clubhouse. In the future, Dennis will not have to present a recommendation to Council. It can be put on the consent calendar.

Item #3 Golf Management Proposals – Staff

The Review Committee has recommended for the City to negotiate with Mike Hamblin on the management of the Municipal Golf Course. Negotiations have started with the City and Mike. Some of the highlights in Mike's proposal are: the maintenance crew at the course will report directly to Mike; one of the full time employees will be transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department (the other employee will be retiring in July); and the City shop will assume the majority of the maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Dennis feels the contract will be forwarded to the City Council by mid-April.

Mike discussed some of the ideas he has for the contract with the City. Mike will be paying the City $5 per round as part of his 12 days of tournaments that the City receives no revenue from. Mike said that most likely the entry fee for those tournaments will go up to cover that cost. He mentioned being able to account for everything that goes through the course, including waived green fees. The Commission agreed that some sort of adjustments should be noted for the waived green fees and the discounted round due to high school golf and senior discounted fees so the course should show a profit at the end of the year.

Dennis reported that Dario Marques will be working with Parks and Recreation beginning April 6th. Chuck VanVooren will be retiring July 4th. Kevin Packard will be the only full time employee at the course and he will report to Mike. The City is looking into a full lease for Mike to take on all expenditures and expenses by 2012.

Greg thanked the Review Committee members. He felt it was a good group of people who came up with a lot of good ideas and thoughts. It was a very productive meeting and he is happy with the outcome.

Item #4 New & Old Business

Dennis updated the Commission on the golf maintenance building. The fire inspector said there will need to be a fire hydrant. Dennis informed the Commission that we will have the Water Department tie into the fire hydrant approximately 200-250 feet from the location of the new shop.

The Street Department will be adding the reclaim asphalt to the cart paths when the weather gets nice. One of the areas that needs it most is around #13. Mike suggested going out to the course after next month's meeting to look at what high priority is for the asphalt. He also mentioned that some work needs to be done at the lower cart shed.

Greg updated the Commission on Council's decision of holding Commission meetings at the Council Chambers. Council did not approve the Commission's recommendation of meeting at the golf course. Greg stated that the main issue is the recording and video taping of the meetings. At this time, that is not happening and if they are unable to get the video equipment, Greg stated they might be able to re-address it at a later time.

The Commission discussed changing the meeting date and time. They decided to keep the meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:00am.

Gale expressed his concern of the employees at the golf course. When Dario and Chuck leave, it isn't going to be easy training new people. Mike stated that he has had a lot of interest of people that would be qualified to take on the positions. Dennis went over the shortfall the City is experiencing this year. There will be close to a million dollar shortfall. The City does not want to lay people off and they have put a freeze on hiring new employees for open positions. Mike mentioned that if the City eventually goes with a lease with Mike, there are different options for keeping Kevin and the City paying for benefits.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the City Council Chambers, 305 3rd Ave E, at 11:00am.

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