

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 29, 2004 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Members Present: Egli, Klamfoth, Murray, Striepe, VanDaalen (arrived at 5:47)
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Ray, Quigley, Iverson
Council Present: Grace
Visitors Present: None

Summary of Formal Action: The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Council Communication: None

Regular Business

1. Recommendation to City Council for 2004 Season Pass Fees

Commissioner Egli expressed her concerns with how the average number of rounds per golfer is computed. She also stated that many golfers purchase a season pass, but don't golf very often. The Commission also discussed why the Municipal Course should not be compared with Waterloo and Cedar Falls courses. Commission member Egli also stated we should not increase rates and expect to make money. Commission member Murray noted that golfers must determine whether it is economically feasible for them to purchase a season pass. If they do, they are more likely to play at our course, but if they don't, they have more options to play elsewhere. Discussion followed on how to decrease the subsidy. The Commission feels that not only should fees be increased, but expenses should be cut as well.

City Council member Grace informed the Commission that he thought the Council received the golf fee structure well and also feels that any increases should be addressed over a two or three year span. Commission member Klamfoth does not feel fees should be raised just because of the improvements that have been made or the awards that have been won. Director Ray confirmed that part-time seasonal employees will not receive pay increases this year.

Motion: To recommend to City Council to increase the 2004 Golf Season Pass Fees by \$10.00 from the previous recommendation. In addition, the fees should be set at the pre-tax amount with the understanding that the final amount is the whole dollar figure whether the sales tax is 6% or 7%.

Amended Motion: To recommend to City Council to increase the 2004 Golf Season Pass Fees by \$10.00, excluding the season trail fees. In addition, the fees should be set at the pre-tax amount with the understanding that the final amount is the whole dollar figure whether the sales tax is 6% or 7%.

04-01 Moved: Murray Seconded: Egli
Yes: 4 No: 1 (Egli) Absent: 0

Motion: To recommend to City Council to approve the amended Golf Course budget by reducing Building Grounds and Maintenance by \$1000.

04-02

Moved: Egli

Seconded: Klamfoth

Yes: 5

No: 0

Absent: 0

Reports and Communications

None

Next Regular Meeting February 16, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment The Commission adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tab Ray

Director of Parks and Recreation