

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
March 23rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Present: Councilor Valarie Blake, Councilor Jay Chandler, Councilor George Dzjuna, City Manager Judie Milner and Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am.

Director Alpers reviewed the upcoming programs for the spring and summer. Programming is finally back to pre-covid as all our extra camps are back.

Director Alpers stated the main changes in the budget proposal will be an increase in staff wages for seasonal staff. This will continue to make their wages align with other local businesses and the school staff. The extra funding that the Department has received will hopefully last through the summer as this is very helpful in bridging the gap. Director Alpers stated she is also requesting 2 city vehicles. Currently staff have been using their own vehicles and this is a liability for the city in addition to the staff ruining their own vehicles. Councilor Chandler suggested looking into a certified pre-owned vehicle. The Committee also discussed the 21st Century Grant. We are currently in the first year of a 5 year grant. However, year 4 and 5 are only funded should we do well on our assessments in the first 3 years.

Director Alpers stated that she is working with an electrician to do some electrical upgrades to the lights in the building and motion sensors throughout the building. The lights would be switched out to LED's in addition to the motion sensors. Being a multiuse building lights are often left on and the motion sensors would eliminate this issue while saving money.

Councilor Dzjuna made a motion to approve the December 22nd, 2023 minutes, seconded by Councilor Chandler. Minutes were approved.

Councilor Dzjuna made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilor Chandler.

Meeting Dates:

June 22nd, 2023 at 10am

September 28th, 2023 at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers

Parks and Recreation Director