

The Workshop Meeting of January 11, 2015 was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard - Absent

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop - Absent

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Susan Beavin

Marjorie Mautz

Aurelia Scharnhorst

Susan Darst

Madeline McCloskey

Irene Scharf

Lou Hoffman

Laurie Hawkins

Kathleen McCloskey

James Swisher

Jerry Dobbs

Councilmember Thornton declared a quorum. He stated Mayor Reinhard is out of town on business and would not be present. Councilmember Waldrop was not present. SLPC Board declared a quorum with Marjorie Mautz, Aurelia Scharnhorst, Susan Darst, and Madeline McCloskey present.

WORKSHOP MEETING

1. DISCUSS AND ACT IF NECESSARY ON ITEMS RELATED TO A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SLPC

Councilmember Thornton stated Mayor Reinhard sent an email to Council and the SLPC Board this morning with some starting points so we can hopefully come out of the Workshop with action items to take the next step. Marjorie Mautz asked if it is possible to develop a trust for SLPC property and the City become Trustee, that way the City doesn't own the property but could still maintain it. Other thoughts are some type of conservation easement or deed restrictions. Laurie Hawkins stated she would like us to consider a drainage easement. The City would maintain the creeks and dams but wouldn't own it. Typically municipalities, counties, government entities maintain them as private landowners don't have the capability. It was discussed that could take care of the creeks and dams but they are looking at the bigger picture. The creeks are important but it's also about the clubhouse, pool, programs, etc. There was discussion on the limited resources SLPC has to maintain the property. Concern of the public having access to the property was discussed in length. Ideas discussed were if the City owned the property, we can require membership. Citizens are members through taxes, maybe the ETJ pay the current membership rate and the general public pays a costly membership fee where they probably won't want to join. Possibly increasing taxes to offset the costs was discussed. Laurie Hawkins stated she recommends the City have an assessment of the dams before taking over any property. It was discussed the City can work with other entities where a private owner doesn't have the resources. The SLPC Membership Wish List was discussed. Items were: roof, new bathroom, serves the citizens/community, clean creeks/dams/pool/trails, invasive vegetation cleared, education programs, property at clubhouse more park like, bicycle lanes, plant trees, wildlife protection. Concerns discussed were changing the by-laws for staggered terms of officers and no apartment/residences built on property. It was discussed that this would be completely in line with the City Master Plan of having Parks and Recreation. A Park Department would probably need to be created by the City. Councilmember Thornton stated he would like to outline an approach to make sure we have action items to move forward with the next step. Council and SLPC Board were in consensus with taking the next step under the following terms: All property conveyed at \$1.00, City pay all costs of transfer including surveying property, SLPC will continue to use property, City establish Board modeled after Madla Board comprised of four citizens/one Councilmember as voting positions and the Mayor as non-voting position, Board appointed by City Council, Board will submit budget to the City every year, no contract, deed restrictions that property will remain green space and no apartments/residences built, used only as Parks and Recreation as outlined in deed restrictions, the Madla Board/SLPC Board's will not be combined and will remain two different Board's forever. It was discussed once the Board is formed and in place, they can outline the

membership such as citizens free through taxes, ETJ for \$60 and outside ETJ increased rate. Marjorie Mautz stated they have to bring this to club membership. It will require 2/3 vote. SLPC Board stated they will come up with a written plan to present to the membership. They would like Council to attend their meeting as a united group and to answer any questions. Susan Darst stated she will put a PowerPoint presentation together to present to the club membership. Council and SLPC Board agreed they would like to have one more Workshop before presenting to the membership to review the presentation and make sure they are on the same page. There was further discussion on the positives and cons for the club. Positives outlined were: no more liability, no dues, available to all Grey Forest citizens, more programs/education/recreational/seniors, police patrol, infringement enforcement, maintenance and no development potential, funding/grant opportunities, no change in land use, limited availability to ETJ citizens, reduced flood risk, flood prevention/creek maintenance, trail restoration, property enhancement. The cons outlined were: potential tax increase but not necessarily with no bond payment next year there will be increased funds for the City, change, City government owned, public access and becomes public property. Council agreed it would be a good idea for the City to hold a Public Hearing prior to acquiring any property to allow the citizens to be heard. It was agreed to schedule a Workshop for Sunday, February 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to allow SLPC to present to Council the presentation they plan to present to the club membership. The Workshop will be held at SLPC Clubhouse as they have a projector for the presentation.

Councilmember Thornton adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 3:50 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shaunna Kinsky.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 27th day of January, 2015.

Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor