

**Park Board**  
**January 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Park Board Chair Al Vorderbrueggen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Al Vorderbrueggen, Don Moore, Blaine Golden, Hillary Hoffman and Al Kirkpatrick: Present.

Also in attendance: Jerry Zabokrtsky, Ed McBride and Cherry Alice VanTine.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was entered by Golden, seconded by Moore to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All yes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Veterans Memorial Proposal:**

Jerry Zabokrtsky, a retired Air Force veteran, presented a slideshow outlining the purpose of a Veterans Memorial Wall. The presentation covered potential designs, construction methods and the importance of community involvement. Zabokrtsky emphasized the need to secure funding and support through various avenues, including grants, donations and sponsorships. Stating that community involvement is essential in making a memorial project a reality.

Cherry Alice VanTine stated the proposed location would be Codger Park. This location is considered ideal due to the frequent stops made at the park. VanTine spoke with Craig Corbeill of Corbeill Funeral Home, who noted that the memorial at the Colfax Cemetery does not receive many visitors.

Ed McBride inquired if the city would approve of a memorial. He stated that they would like to know if it is worth continuing with the planning process.

Golden agreed the Codger Park would be a good place, as the Codger Pole will not stand forever.

Moore agreed it could tie together with the Codger Pole.

Vorderbrueggen and Kirkpatrick agreed it is a good concept. However, they would like to review a layout plan rendering or design.

VanTine also mentioned that the Late Bloomers have taken the responsibility for planting and weeding the flowers at Codger Park, and all members are over the age of 73. In the past the city reimbursed them for the purchase of plants and asked if this would be the same process this year.

Hammer stated the process is the same.

**McDonald Park Steering Committee:**

City Administrator Matt Hammer met with Colfax School District Superintendent Jerry Pugh and both agreed that the Steering Committee is not necessary. Hammer explained that when McDonald Park was initially established, it was important to ensure proper operation, and the committee included city staff, school staff and residents.

The Park Board agreed to discontinue the McDonald Steering Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Hillary Hoffman and Gary Young met with American Ramp Company (ARC) to discuss the Skatepark renovation project. Chamber President Gary Young has reported that approximately \$22,000 has been raised so far towards the total project cost of \$37,000. In addition to the donations already received, donation containers have been placed at various businesses in the area to further support the fundraising.

There was also discussion to apply for the .09 Funds through Whitman County.

**Pool:**

Retzer stated WMS has been working on the pool and are making good progress.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Vorderbrueggen adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



Lynda Kramlich, City Clerk