

**CITY OF BELLEVIEW
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**BELLEVIEW CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**July 28, 2005
12:00 PM**

Mayor STEVE BAIRSTOW
Seat 1 EMERY ABSHIER
Seat 2 KENNETH R. NADEAU
Seat 3 PAULA CHAFFIN
Seat 4 PAUL B. ANDERSON

PRESENT: MAYOR BAIRSTOW; ANDERSON, NADEAU; PW DIRECTOR MONROE;
DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEGENNARO

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: ABSHIER, CHAFFIN; CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR
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MARION COUNTY PARKS PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION
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Commissioner Nadeau stated that City has applied for grants, but the funding isn't what it had been in the past and there was an inability to receive grants through the state. The County has a Sweat-Equity Program where the City and the County would match 50% each. We are applying for \$55,000, but the most we could get would be \$60,000.

The Commissioner stated that he met with the Dixie Boys League and the Dixie Girls League and explained the program and the Leagues are willing to help obtain cash, material, or labor. We would like to use the Player Fee Pool Money since that was the original purpose for that fee.

In the Player Fee Pool there was approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000. The City would put \$10,000 in for our share and Dixie Youth Leagues would put in \$15,000 and the County would give \$25,000 to refurbish the restrooms and concession stand. The City would like to construct two more softball fields for the Dixie Girl's. The City would put \$10,000, and Dixie Girls Softball \$15,000, and the County \$25,000.

We have not contacted the Soccer teams, but we want to apply for \$5,000 for goods, materials, and services. We developed a football field a few years ago and the team left town. Soccer has outgrown its fields and want to take over the football field. That makes for a continuous conflict between football and soccer. So either we build a new football field or a full size soccer field and let the football field go back to football.

Commissioner Anderson asked why Dixie Youth was not putting up more than \$15,000 and Commissioner Nadeau stated that was the designated money for improvements to the park.

Commissioner Anderson asked what they were going to do with the \$30,000 in reserve and Commissioner Nadeau stated that would be invested back into the park i.e. building batting cages and other field enhancements.

They have finally gotten a leadership that would work with us and he met with James Harris and some of the Board Members yesterday. They have complained about the City not doing anything for them and the Commissioner stated he told them that they were not doing anything either. Commissioner Anderson stated they have a bank account and when are they going to start taking their money and start matching and participating. The Commissioner stated the city keeps putting money in there, but Commissioner Nadeau had finally answered his questions.

Commissioner Anderson stated we are going to refurbish the restrooms and concession stands, but does that include the panel box for the lights. Kim Holder, PW Projects Staff Assistant, stated the panel box would be included in the FRDAP grant application in September. Commissioner Anderson stated then he would not vote for the program because those lights are going to hurt someone. The Commissioner stated if you get a Certified Electrician to state they were not in need of repair at this time then he would go along with it.

Mayor Bairstow stated to send our building inspector to check it out and Commissioner Anderson stated a Certified Electrician should look at these panels because most building inspectors deal only with new homes which have new panels and those panels were not new.

Commissioner Anderson stated that for years we had problems with those panels and the Commission put it in the minutes that before we built anything else, those panels, which control the main switch for the ball field lights, would be taken care of.

Kim Holder stated that if it costs \$5,000 to repair would you want to include it in the grant and PWD Monroe stated it probably would cost closer to \$50,000. Commissioner Nadeau asked what was more important to do this year or what could wait until next year, the handicapped access to the concession stands/restrooms which need to be ADA compliant or the panel boxes.

Kim Holder stated that the Dixie Youth told her if the City didn't get this grant they would do the bathrooms no matter what. Commissioner Anderson stated that the Commission had already decided several years ago that the lights would be done first. Commissioner Nadeau stated the problem is finding the right grant to do that.

Ms. Holder stated that the league might have some issues if we tell them no to the bathrooms and concession stand and everyone else gets their stuff. Commissioner Anderson stated if the bathrooms are so bad, rent some port-a-potties, but he would not argue a dollar amount over someone's life.

Commissioner Anderson stated to let the Certified Electrician tell the City if those panels could go another year or two.

Mayor Bairstow stated the reason we held a Special Meeting instead of a regular meeting was the fact that there was a timing deadline so the application had to be submitted by the end of the month. The Mayor stated that the City Policy was to have it approved by the Commission prior to submitting the application

The grant we were applying for was virtually identical to the one in the past that was not awarded to us. The impression was that grant and this one had the same matching contingency and that one was discussed when we approved that application; there was no money coming from the City, but the money would come from the leagues. The predicate gave rise to this Special Meeting and now the predicate was changed and we are now talking about changing funding and revisiting the grant itself; that being the case, the Mayor stated he would vote no. If the City misses the deadline, then we miss it. This should be presented at a regular meeting where notice is given and the leagues could attend the meeting. At a Special Meeting the chances are hard to get the Commissioners to attend let alone the public. You do not have my vote today and you need to have this application approved like we have done in the past.

Commissioner Nadeau asked what was on the FRDAP grant that was declined and Ms. Holder stated the soccer lighting and it was matched 100%. The panels were in the FRDAP from a year ago and the soccer and softball fields and refurbishing of restrooms were on the LWCF grant.

Commissioner Nadeau stated other than the soccer request the other two proposals were identical and Ms. Holder stated Dixie Youth would pay \$25,000; Girls would match the \$25,000 and the County would also match the \$25,000. Soccer would pay not \$10,000 but \$5,000 towards a new field and the County would come up with \$5,000 and they would start the new field and allow the existing soccer field to go back to football.

Commissioner Nadeau stated that the only thing changed was the soccer grant because the County grant exceed the limits and nothing would come from the City. Mayor Bairstow stated then there was a problem if the City does not have to put in any money. If we could use these funds to do it and we revisit the application deadline then the Mayor would be in agreement with Commissioner Nadeau.

Commissioner Anderson asked where was the proposed the new soccer field going to be located and the PWD stated to the northwest of the Sports Complex because everything else is designated and the master plan would have to be revisited. Commissioner Nadeau agreed.

Commissioner Anderson stated that you cannot build a soccer field for \$10,000 and the NW was past the other fields and near the sink hole. The PWD stated that the west was designated parking area on the master plan.

Commissioner Anderson asked who wanted to play football and Kim Holder stated MCYFL. Commissioner Nadeau stated it would be just for practice and Commissioner Anderson stated why not use the parking lot on the football field and keep soccer/football field just for soccer. Put them south of the football field or in parking lot to football/soccer field, but not on the soccer/football field. Colleges do not practice on their game fields because the grass would be gone unless the football league would reseed the field.

Commissioner Nadeau made a Motion to Approve the Grant as Written with no funds from the City of Belleview and Commissioner Anderson seconded the Motion.

On roll call vote, YES: Nadeau, Anderson, Bairstow
The Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25

ATTEST:

Peggy DeGennaro, CMC
Deputy City Clerk