

GENERAL REPORT
January 12, 2016

1. After reviewing the lease agreement, the Country Club Board asked that language be added to paragraph seven (starting with FOR AND IN) to make sure everyone understands that water from the North Lake can be used to water the greens and **fairways** unless the commission has declared a water emergency restriction. Apparently, the board thought they could only water the greens because of the water going to the ethanol plant from time-to-time. I don't know where this came from but that isn't the way it should be.

In paragraph eight (starting with GCC) the old agreement said "GCC shall not use the said course for any activity inconsistent with the operation of a golf course, unless authority, in writing, for such activity is granted to them by the CITY." Sentence two adds language to include school competitions including cross country, golf meets and their physical education programs. The golf course has been used for these events for many years; however, the board wanted to have everything in writing so there is no misunderstanding.

Because of these two (2) requested changes, a new lease agreement has been prepared for your consideration.

2. As I think you both realize, camping at the North Park particularly, is becoming more and more popular. It has been suggested that more spots be added to the east side and perhaps develop two campsites on the west side. I am enclosing a picture of a proposed site by the west shelter house. Going to the west side will allow more camping sites particularly during Cornstock. Troy is getting estimates for the electric pedestals. Before I went too far with this, I wanted to make sure the commission is okay with this plan.

3. Enclosed are copies of three (3) transient guest tax applications. Susan has indicated the amount the Tourism Advisory Board wants to recommend to the commission for payment to the Anderson County Fair Association. They are recommending \$2,500 for the non-marketing application and \$1,400 for the marketing grant for a total of \$3,900. Their discussions included that the original request for \$6,500 represented approximately 20% of the total amount paid in 2015. It also represents 25% of the total 2016 budgeted amount. While this comes as a recommendation from the Tourism committee, it is up to the City Commission to make the final decision.

Susan invited representatives from the fair association to attend the meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of a spreadsheet that Susan prepared showing the applications received in 2015, a comparison of attendance from one year to another as well as funds requested compared to the amount received.

4. Ordinance No. 4135 authorizes the execution of an agreement between the city to participate in the Marshall Wind Farm Project. Bob and/or Sam Mills will be at the meeting to explain the benefits of participating in this project. Terry has read the agreement and ordinance and sees no legal problems with either document.

5. The two (2) resolutions are first of the year housekeeping requests. One designates the official papers and the other designates the official bank depositories.

6. The north pump station was started on Wednesday, January 6th. Everything appears to be operating okay. City electricians need to install the permanent power to the structure and Tom needs to connect a couple of manholes to the new system. Once that is done, the old system will be removed and this project completed.

John Olson and I have been working with Jay Norco to determine how to approach the next step in the overall sewer rehabilitation project. We will be asking the commission to advertise for bids to begin replacement of the highway sewer line within the next few months.

7. There is no warrant register for you to consider prior to the meeting. We are in the middle of a major computer conversion and are waiting to be trained on how to pay the bills. Our former provider decided to cancel all of their city contracts at the end of last year so Kristie started the process of receiving quotes from other companies last year. We settled on Tyler Technologies and are spending a great deal of time learning all of the new information. Hopefully we will have something to give you at the meeting Tuesday night.

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