

CITY OF SHELLEY
WORK MEETING
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Stacy Pascoe

Council Members: Kim Westergard, Dallin Jolley, Don West and Jeff Kelley, Mikel Anderson, Jordon Johnson, and Sandy Gaydusek

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m.

This work meeting was held with the North End Shelley Recreation District to discuss the transfer of the Historical Park to the District and also the city owned farm.

Adam French said the name of the Historical Park has been changed to the Snake River Historic Homestead. Adam asked about the ability for the District to acquire the seventy-two acre farm the city owns. He said he would also like to discuss water options. Adam asked if the city is willing to sell, lease, or donate the property to the District. Mayor Pascoe said the water issue has been taken care of. He said the irrigation water is coming from the pivots. Adam asked if the water rights from the deep water well are going into the city. Mayor Pascoe said no because those rights are considered stacked. Sandy said Rocky Mountain Environmental has been helping the city with these rights and has said the city needs to fill out an application with DEQ to see if reuse water can be used to irrigate the farm so the ground water rights can be transferred.

Adam said the District is looking at drilling a well next spring so the homestead would have potable water. Brian Sargent said they are looking at the least expensive way to get a well out there to be used in the restrooms. Sandy said this would need to be a domestic well only.

The group discussed the existing RV Park the County still owns. It may be beneficial to own the RV park when having sporting activities there. The Mayor said he will speak with the County and try to obtain that portion of the park as well. Adma asked what are the thoughts of the city regarding the potential 72-acre park. Dallin said he feels as soon as the city changes ownership, the sooner the District will be able to seek funding to develop the park. Kim said it has always been the city's hope is to have a park there. Adam said ownership increases the chances of being awarded a grant.

Mayor Pascoe said the city originally bought the land to be able to obtain some existing water rights. The city paid \$400,000 for the water rights and \$750,000 for the farm. Dallin said he felt we should be paid something for the farm since it was purchased with taxpayer dollars. He said that money could be put back into the city parks. Brain Sargent does not feel they should have to pay for anything because a lot of programs will move to this park instead of the city parks. He said the District does not have the funds to buy the farm. Brian said the District is participating in the improvement of city parks since they contributed \$100,000 towards the tennis courts and \$40,000 for Twilight Park. Dallin said we owe it to

our citizens to get something for the farm. Carie Winder said tournaments could be hosted at the proposed park that will generate revenue for the District. Brian said the District still needs to make sure this is a park that can be used by anyone and not just to make a profit.

Mayor Pascoe said he is concerned that the taxpayers have already paid for the park once and they will have to pay for it twice if the District has to buy it.

Mayor Pascoe said he will talk to the County about obtaining ownership of the RV park.

Brian suggested the District and the City have quarterly meetings.

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

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