



Called City Commission Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Note: Commissioners Richard Abraham and Gayle Kaler were unable to attend this meeting.

Stuart Nelson Dog Park Fencing (vote June 26)

The Mayor and Commissioners introduced an ordinance to accept the bid from Flener Brothers Fence Company of Litchfield, Kentucky for fencing for the dog park that will be constructed at Stuart Nelson Park. The City requested bids and had a bid opening on June 18 with four qualified bids submitted. The Flener Brothers Fence Company bid was the lowest, evaluated bid. The black vinyl fencing and gates are not to exceed \$38,000. Commissioner Gerald Watkins says, "I think it will be extremely popular, and I hope people utilize it."

Public fundraising for a dog park has been ongoing for more than two years. The City challenged the public to raise \$20,000 toward the park and then the City would match that amount. Due to successful public fundraising, Mayor Bill Paxton arranged for the called meeting to introduce the bids to expedite the process in constructing the dog park. Mayor Paxton says, "Sometimes in city government we forget the public is out there waiting on something. We owe it to them to get this thing built." Parks Services Director Mark Thompson says 85 different donors contributed to the park. The dog park will be on an approximately 7-acre tract of Stuart Nelson Park. The park will have two large fenced areas for large dogs and small dogs in addition to parking, water, and shelters. Drainage improvements and the fencing are expected to be completed within the next few weeks. The City hopes to open the dog park at the end of July.

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