

**GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Greg Fair.

Daniel Alvarado	<i>present</i>	Kevin Ross	
Greg Fair	<i>present</i>	Sheri Sheppard	<i>present</i>
Jane Arnett	<i>present</i>	Matt Jones	<i>present</i>
David L. Lock		Wade Warms	<i>present</i>
Ronald Schielke	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	
Ceri Davies		Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

2. Approval of the 9-11-23 meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jane and was seconded by Ronald.

3. Citizen Comments

None

4. Items for individual consideration

a. Old business

None

b. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Ronald nominated Greg Fair as Chairman, all members present voted aye.

Greg nominated Ronald as Vice Chairman, all members present voted aye.

c. Golf Course Clubhouse Update

Matt said that construction is going very well. The new building is past 50% completion.

The renovation of the existing was estimated at 3 to 4 months.

Walls are going up, plumbing and electric are getting set up. The superintendent for Brookstone is very optimistic of the schedule.

North side of parking lot has been poured.

There will be some challenges on the old building. The builder will demo about a third of the existing pro shop to enable the laying of plumbing for the new building and to save some time. We will no longer have the grill counter. We will only have beverages and packaged food. Most tournaments that we have scheduled are small.

We will have to relocate the TV's and may need to remove some. Scoreboard will be relocated but should stay operational.

Matt also talked about the layout and the landscaping.

5. Staff briefings

a. Golf Course Operations Report – Matt Jones

For the first time in the history of the city owning the golf course, there was no transfer from the general fund this year.

We had 47K paid rounds. The challenge is how to increase the revenue without increasing the number of rounds. The simulator bays will help.

We are still below the cost of other area golf courses that are in the same category.

Longwood will be coming online but is expensive, and Cy Lakes will potentially close. We plan to increase the fees once the golf course improves.

We are getting new golf carts. 80 carts will be electric, 2 of them will be gas powered for pulling carts out and for use for city events. The golf carts will have better GPS and geo-fencing that allows for controlling of speed. They will be blue.

Committee talked about the concessionaire bids for the restaurant in the new clubhouse. Matt expressed his appreciation for his staff for keeping everything going running even during construction and changes.

Ronald asked about the parking lot. Matt said that they will look at doing it over 3 years. Greg asked Sheri to bring it to council the request to close the bridge permanently.

There will be a tour for new clubhouse for the committee members and council. Maria will check with Lorri for advice on posting a "quorum may meet" notice for the tour.

b. Golf Course Maintenance Report – Wade Warms

Drought is finally over, turf grass is starting to slow down now. Have already had a frost. Doing selective tree trimming, getting rid of dead trees. Will continue once the ground dries up. Monthly will be venting the greens, solid tine to get oxygen into the root zone to eliminate algae growth.

Got most greens covered with grass. Irrigation problems took a lot of effort and time. Wade is pleased with how far they have gotten. Will try to get surface water to move off of the greens. Collar dams were taller than the rest of the greens – took the collar down so that the water would flow. Got the greens roller last week.

Robots need software upgrade from Husqvarna. Matt said that there are plans to replace the trees that are being taken out. Over seeded driving range tee and the chipping area with rye. Grounds crew put down pre-emergent herbicide.

Jane said that LGA asked about the condition of the #1 tee box. May need to switch out the type of grass. Matt has dirt saved from the excavation of the clubhouse that they plan to use for landscaping. Greg said he called about the grass on the fences. He is passing on the compliments after it was mowed.

6. Future agenda items request

None

7. Next Meeting Date:

January 8th at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Jane and was seconded by Ron. The meeting ended at 6:29pm.