

Golf Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
August 19, 2020

Members in attendance were Dan Birnley (Men's Rep.), Sam Jarvis (At-Large Rep.), Claudia McNair (Women's Rep.), Councilmember Arlina Yazzie, Golf Pro Micah Rudosky, Golf Course Superintendent Tom Kramlich, and Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist.

Thayer Plewe was a guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Sam Jarvis at 7:01 AM with the minutes approved from the July 22, 2020, advisory board meeting.

Pro Report – Micah shared that the golf course revenues overall are up over \$15,000 compared to last year, which is a 5.4% increase. Micah mentioned that the Ladies' Tee Cup Golf Tournament had 64 ladies participate. Micah shared that a new golf tournament for men will be in-place of the Pinto Bean Golf Tournament with 112 men signed up. Micah stated that the Dean Hanson Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12th and will be teeing off on hole #1 and #10. Micah also mentioned that the Colorado Avid Golfer writer played 18 holes of golf at our course this past Sunday, August 16th, and will be playing again on our course this coming Friday, August 21st. Micah was hopeful that a nice story about our course will be written by the writer after his positive experience from golfing on our course.

Staff Report – Tom shared some good news that the City was able to secure some additional water shares from a local farmer and the Bureau of Reclamation with those water shares being available to us for the rest of the MVIC irrigation season, which is targeted to end on September 30, 2020. Dean mentioned that the Bureau of Reclamation water shares will help to replenish the low water levels at Denny Lake Park. Dean shared an idea of honoring the Tanner Family for all of the years that they have sponsored the Pinto Bean Golf Tournament with a personalized stone at the golf course flagpole. All of the advisory board members gave their unanimous approval for the Tanner Family to have a personalized stone on behalf of the City of Cortez.

Men's Association Report – No report.

Women's Association Report – Claudia shared that the Ladies' Tee Cup Golf Tournament on Tuesday, August 11th and the scramble played on Monday, August 10th, went very well. Claudia stated that there were 45 players from out-of-town for the golf tournament. Claudia mentioned that the Women's President's Cup Golf Tournament is coming up.

At-Large Report – Sam shared that he is hearing two different comments from the golf course patrons: “Why is it so dry?” and “The Golf Course Superintendent and his staff are doing a remarkable job, considering all of the restrictions and limitations that have been placed upon them.” Sam used those opportunities to educate our golf patrons on existing circumstances and encouraged the other advisory board members to do the same. All agreed that Tom Kramlich and his staff are doing a superb job with limited resources.

Youth Report- Dean shared that Thayer Plewe will be interviewed before the City Council at their Tuesday, August 25th, Work Session and his approval will be decided at their Council Meeting that same evening. The advisory board members gave their unanimous recommendation for Thayer Plewe to serve as the youth representative on the Golf Advisory Board. Thayer appreciated the advisory board support and gave a quick update that there are nine boys out for the high school golf team. Also, he mentioned about a tree limb sticking out at the hole #5 tee box. Tom stated that he and Micah would take a look at it.

Council Report – Arlina shared that the City is continuing with their budget process and had a Council budget hearing this past Tuesday evening, August 18th and will have another Council budget hearing this Wednesday evening, August 19th. She mentioned that the Council is shooting for Tuesday, October 13th, for their budget approval.

The next Golf Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 7:00 AM at the golf course pro shop deck area.

Adjournment – 7:49 AM