

508

**CITY OF STILWELL**  
**Special Meeting - March 27, 2008**  
**Stilwell Community Building - 6<sup>th</sup> & Poplar**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**REGARDING GRANT FROM THE LAND AND WATER**  
**CONSERVATION FUND THROUGH THE OKLAHOMA**  
**TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR**  
**THE STILWELL COMMUNITY PARKS AND SPORTS PARK**

Architect Mike Martin addressed the public concerning the proposed grant application. He said this particular grant has many mine fields in it. This is a re-imbursement type grant up to 50% of the project cost funded by the National Parks Service and administered by the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department. Assurance that this will always be a park is required by the city and he didn't see a problem with that commitment. All future utilities after the grant award would need to be underground. A civil rights form will be included showing the diversity of the users, environmental impact form, etc. will be also be required. Application eliminations for the grant will be April or May at the state level and then the application is sent to the National Parks Service and the final awards would be made 6 to 8 weeks from then. No construction can begin before the award. Both phases of the park will be submitted in the application. Mr. Martin will submit a plan for the pool that is flexible as far as the final design. A budget of \$4.9 million for phase I plus the pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts and skate park for an estimated cost of \$605,000. A 5,000 square foot community center and the pool would bring the total cost estimate of \$8,505,300. If the grant is awarded the re-imbursement would be \$4,252,650. Bill Langley said that the USDA loan application is for \$3,180,000 so if the grant is awarded to the city, the city could build both phases of the park for a fraction more than what the first phase is projected to cost.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Collins closed the public hearing and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and asked Councilman Isaacs to open the meeting with prayer. Mayor Collins asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll:

**Jim Hummingbird – present, Dean Thomas – present, Norman Isaacs – present, John Sharp – present, Jim Spray – present, Mayor Collins – present, City Attorney Joe Adair – present and City Clerk-Treasurer Shelldon Miggetto – present. Also in attendance were 6 guests.**

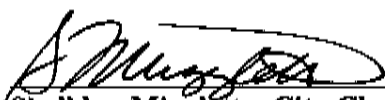
**Agenda**

1. Discussion, consideration and possible decision regarding making application for grant from Land & Water Conservation Fund through Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department. A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Jim Hummingbird to apply for the proposed grant for the proposed parks project. Jim H. –yes, Dean – yes, Norman – yes, John – yes, Jim S. – yes
2. Discussion, consideration and possible decision regarding Resolution of Support (Resolution #032708). Mayor Collins said that the renovation would improve housing in this area of town. Councilman Sharp asked if the resolution was so that tax credits could be applied for. Councilman Hummingbird said he thought that was the case. **A motion was made by Jim Hummingbird seconded by Norman Isaacs to approve the resolution as submitted. Jim H. –yes, Dean – yes, Norman – yes, John – yes, Jim S. – yes**

509

3. Discussion, consideration and possible decision regarding advertising for bids for contract to cut hay on City property Mayor Collins said he was asked if the bids could be let earlier so that the successful bidder could have the opportunity to fertilize the fields and possibly bid more. Bill Langley said that he'd recommend a contingency on approval with the Conservation Commission as it is in the Illinois River Basin. Councilman Spray said we could approve fertilizing at a proper application rate. Councilman Sharp said we could approve this with specifications. Joe Adair said we can't give permission for bidders to violate the law so we need to be sure if they apply fertilizer it is done correctly. **A motion was made by John Sharp seconded by Norman Isaacs to approve the advertising for bids on hay cutting.** *Jim H. -yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes*
4. Discussion with possible action to approve lease between the City of Stilwell and the Stilwell Youth Baseball, Inc. J.R. Claphan representing Adair County Youth Sports League, Inc reported that approx. 400 young people signed up for summer t-ball, softball and baseball. They are very excited about the new park project. Right now 40 teams are trying to practice on 4 fields. The group incorporated under this new name to include all of Adair county youth. Joe Adair recommended the group show their non-profit status. Mayor Collins asked the organization to get with Joe Adair to work out the details. Mr. Adair asked for a copy of the groups articles of incorporation. **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Norman Isaacs seconded by Jim Hummingbird to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. *Jim H. -yes, Dean - yes, Norman - yes, John - yes, Jim S. - yes*

  
Sheldon Miggetto, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
James Collins, Mayor

