

IRONHORSE Golf Club



GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES **Meeting Minutes from April 28, 1999** **5:30 p.m.**

Board Members in attendance were John Campbell, Jim Dickson, Dave Fearis, Bob Reid, Mike O'Connell, Dick Fuller, Lou Rasmussen and Charles Lewis. Pete Spratlin, Matt Roberts, and Shane Gardner represented IRONHORSE Golf Course, Keith Hanley represented Eagle.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

Jim Dickson made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 1999 meeting. Mike O'Connell seconded. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Fuller addressed the erosion and silt issues, which remain. Jeff Cantrell, from the Planning and Development Department, provided photos of specific problems. Mr. Rasmussen recommended that all photos submitted have dates, detail information on what they represent, and who took them. Brett Haugland of CCE and Pete Spratlin presented pictures of bank stabilization work that has been completed. Brett has suggested a biodegradable fabric and overseeding above rock area for additional stabilization. On the #17 bank stabilization, Mr. Fuller would like to know who will monitor Mr. Simpson finishing storm sewer and stack stone at site then be sure to move immediately into the area to be rip-rapped. This was to be done per the council minutes. Mr. Rasmussen asked Mrs. Claxton to determine who in City government will be responsible for seeing who will make sure this work gets completed.

Brett Haugland reported that surveying has commenced on the #11 pond. Topography maps from initial course construction vs. current survey were shown. Silt collection is evident on either side of the channel where the pipe drains to the pond. CCE estimates a cost of \$3.50-\$15.00 per cubic yard area as an estimate to remove silt (1000-3000 yards of silt may currently exist). Cost estimate is \$10,000-\$30,000. Consideration has not been made to clear out the creek that feeds into the lake. Engineering report is expected to be done by sometime next week. Cost and assignment of responsibility will be part of the report. Brett said we could get together at CCE next week to review the findings. Findings will be presented to City Council. Builders will be put on notice. Jeff Cantrell provided copies of letters sent. Again, what City entity will do these (send notices) and implement penalties. Mrs. Claxton will check into this when addressing other issues. Mr. Rasmussen made a motion that the erosion control letter from Jeff be submitted as part of our minutes. Mr. O'Connell seconded. Motion was approved.

Wastewater has proposed to deed over the land (6.83 acres) north of the creek for the easement on #6. They have discussed a possible fee of \$1500 per acre. Covenant with the deed for no construction, double lock on gate to service sewer lines would be part of the agreement. Boundary would be centerline of creek. Wastewater would post no trespassing signs south of creek. Committee is not in favor of purchase of the land. Mr. Rasmussen moved to recommend to City Administrator that someone from the golf course (Pete) and possibly CCE

be present to address securing the golf course and the flood plane issues in a future meeting, if the easement moves forward. Jim Dickson seconded. The motion carried. Council action on the easement was discussed. Further discussion took place on how to get action on the recommendations and the lack of enforcement.

Mr. Fuller inquired as to how fee increases were being received. Mr. Roberts stated that the reception has been good. Rounds are full during nice weather. Have achieved 67% of the projected budget revenues through April. Lots of positive comments about the condition of the course. Mr. Roberts handed out a copy of the proposed 2000 budget along with a trend analysis. Mr. Roberts noted that the fixed amount (amortization) was not included in the operating budget. Minutes need to be checked on exact amount we were going to have on the amortization and depreciation. Lou recommended that we check with Kathy Rogers on this. It was suggested that it might have been \$1.00 per round and that this amount would be put in reserve for payment of debt incurred from years 1992-1995. Lou feels that the budget needs to comply with the audit report.

There is a lot of debris blowing onto the course as a result of construction from developers. Mr. Rasmussen asked Mr. Spratlin "if we were billing developers for picking up trash from their projects." Pete responded that they "were not". A discussion ensued about the issue. Mr. Campbell said that perhaps the debris could fall under the City's litter ordinance. How can this be enforced? Lou recommended asking the City Administrator and Mr. McKay of Public Works if the developers are being billed for this. Mrs. Claxton will address this with Mr. Garofano and Mr. McKay.

There are several issues relating to Mr. Simpson that remain unresolved. Mr. Simpson had contacted Mr. Fuller to inquire about the status of the hole sponsorships he had not yet received. Mrs. Claxton had discussed this with former Director, Scott Whitaker, and former Ironhorse General Manager, Shane Gardner. It was concluded that in exchange for moving the pipeline Mr. Simpson was to contribute \$7500 to the Golf Course. The following stipulations were tied to the move: 1)The rock work to be done on #17 (bank); 2)The removal of silt in the pond at #11; 3)Deeding the cart path back to the City on #17; and 4)A hole sponsorship on #7 or #16. After further review, it was concluded that the sponsorship was for hole #16. The committee was in agreement that the sponsorship not be granted until the riprap work is concluded on #17 bank. There was an additional payment of \$5000 (approximately one and one-half years ago) for sponsorship on hole #11. The committee agrees to grant this request.

Also at issue were the landscaping additions to the pump house on #6. This was reviewed at a previous meeting and it is the consensus of the committee, the golf course maintenance staff, and Parks and Recreation staff that the obligations of the city have been met. No further additions will be made. Mr. Rasmussen recommended that the City Administrator issue a letter to Mr. Simpson about the sponsorship requests and the outcomes including what he must do to get approval for #16. Mrs. Claxton will discuss this with Mr. Garofano.

Mr. Dickson inquired about what has been done to increase speed of play. Mr. Roberts indicated that the colored markers have been helpful. Pete suggested that where the horse heads exist on the cart path, perhaps the distance to the creek could be stenciled there. Mr. Dickson asked Mr. Spratlin and Mr. Roberts to come back with recommendations on how to improve this. Mr. Gardner indicated that the plan to extend the fairway on #8 would help the ladies in particular.

Also, how do we address lightning on the course. Is there a warning siren in place? Mr. Gardner stated that currently we discontinue tee times and the marshals approach groups to notify them to stop play. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Spratlin will look into this further.

Mr. Spratlin gave an update on the condition of the course. Greens are coming back very good. Trying to get one sunny day to apply weed control. Mr. Fuller commented that #10 and #18 are thin. Mr. Spratlin said these would fill in. Mr. Fuller also had concerns about some of the sand traps and that he had heard several complaints. All practice traps have been filled. The rest are due to be filled when rain lets up. Also, Mr. Spratlin indicated that he would update the memo of 3-19-99 for the next meeting.

Mr. Rasmussen inquired as to whether code enforcement is handling the clean up of silt coming down. Are they billing the developers for this? He would like to see this checked out further.

Mr. Roberts passed out more information on the LPGA event coming July 12. A brief discussion followed. He also discussed the results of some new advertising and the coupons that had been running.

The contract with EAGL was discussed. The committee would like to know about the contract extension-What are the terms of it?, etc. Also, are salaries reasonable for the job that is necessary to keep the course up to our standards? Mr. Rasmussen asked for recommendations from Mr. Fearis and Mr. Lewis regarding the letter from Mike Loehner on the compensation packages for the Superintendent and the General Manager. Mr. Dickson recommended bringing Mr. Loehner in once the recommendations are made to have a frank discussion with him. He will contact him about the next meeting or; a possible future meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.