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MINUTES

- A. Call to Order: 6:08pm
- B. Roll Call: Kelliann Ergeson, Roger Bell, Heidi Herzog, David Lemmon, Aimee Ozanich, Norma Smith, Zack Schab, Barb Petrea, Sherry Raymond
- C. Public Comment: Mayor Raymond statement. "The pool is a lifeline for our kids in Selah." She was approached by a prominent business owner who didn't know that the pool wasn't a city pool. The issue is that people don't know things unless they "hit them in their face." "My personal feeling is that we don't open the pool this year." It isn't a city pool. The City wants to work with the SPRSA group to get to pool up and going. "As a citizen, we didn't get exactly what we wanted. People are against taxes. Why do we vote for a tax when there are people who will open it anyway?" She has suggestion to keep it closed 9 months and educate everyone that it isn't a city pool and re-run the levy in November. Kelliann gave a brief recap of the 2011 decision and of the term limits on the levies. "We have the opportunity to put it on the November 2022 levy and educate the public about the pool." There was a recap of which pools are tax supported in the valley, which are City run and which are privately run.
- Discussion of what the options are. We haven't made that decision yet.
- David, has been doing grant research and it may or may not be available for the upcoming year. The Parks Foundation would have to be involved. He would like to discuss what he has learned. He feels that there is a possibility that we could have the funding in place for the upcoming swim season. "There are 1000's of these out and we are strong with a great track record, great organization, we have income and operational expenses. We also have strong benefits to the community. Before we say no, we need to do more investigation."
- Barb gave an inspiring speech about bringing the City and SPRSA back together.
- Sherry asked what the City can do to get this group strong
- Norma gave a recap of the effort this fall to pass the levy. It was frustrating for her because people had excuses for not voting.
- Kelliann – "How do we make this a community pool?"
- Roger said he has talked to two people who are prominent business/property owners who didn't realize that it wasn't a City pool. In reference to the grants, he has spent hours looking for grants to benefit the city and it has been very difficult to find grants. There are many grants that go unawarded because they don't have anyone qualified for them. It also costs money to have a grant written and it is expensive (\$1000's) per grant. There is a fee to search on the grant finding program.
- David says that we shouldn't depend on it but investigate. By next month's meeting that we should have more information. He has talked to people who have received grants and they think that our program is well positioned. He would like to make a concerted professional effort to search the opportunities.
- David: He is worried about the negative impact of closing the pool.
- Barb: "You haven't tried to close the pool. The hard part is closing the pool and re-opening the facility after it has been closed." She put the mantle on David that he is going to have to be the energy and time behind the grant process. There is no fresh energy because no one is jumping on board to help. There should be tourism funds that support the pool. Currently there are LTAC funds (the application is on the city's website) that can be applied for and it has to be recommended to the council. The info needs to come from the Parks Foundation." The information needed is the \$ amount, how many people from outside the area would be brought in, and how many people are impacted. It would have to be presented to the board. Money for 2022 has already been asked for. The next ask is in January. There is money available still. January 24th is the event.
- Sherry: The person/business who wants to offer the money to help the pool operate is out there and answering questions. She then had to leave and Roger gave the following information.

Roger: The person referred to above wanted to put a bubble cover on the pool and they wanted an answer within a week. He did some research that it would be about \$300-350K for a bubble and several million for a permanent building. He contacted NAC and they gave money estimated for the bubble with the systems. They thought that it was too expensive for the bubble cover. They aren't able to do 2022 money but would help with electrical costs. It will probably be about \$500 for NAC to have done the work. We should have that bill in the next month. From NAC he received some information about Moses Lake HS in 2002 that put a bubble cover on and 10 years later they hired NAC to do a building. They had issues that they didn't expect with chemicals and HVAC systems. Brett also pointed out that since we are taxing authority, we must put it out to competitive bid any work.

- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2021 Kelliann motioned to approve, Heidi seconded, passed unanimously.
- E. General Business -
 - 1. County Report -
 - a. Treasurer's November 2021 – Discussion of operational and investment accounts
 - b. Approval of claims for payment: Kelliann moved to approve claims, David seconded, passed unanimously
 - a. M&O (Donated Funds)
 - i. Banner Bank - \$ 235.78
 - ii. Cascade Natural Gas - \$67.01
 - iii. Charter Communications/Spectrum - \$ 117.95
 - iv. City of Selah - \$ utilities are off
 - v. E3 Solutions, Inc. (Fire Alarm/Security) - \$59.57
 - vi. Pacific Power - \$ 357.49
 - vii. Oxarc, Inc. - \$
 - viii. Senske Lawn & Tree Service, Inc. - \$108.29
 - b. Pool Construction (Bond Funds)
 - i. NAC (#49) - \$423.61
- F. Selah Aquatic Center - Operations
 - 1. Update from Aimee Ozanich, Aquatic Director
 - a. Winterization: Waiting for a CEM visit. Had a winterizing meeting with Dave Carpenter.
 - 2. M&O Levy Failure Discussion: Next Steps
 - a. Mayor Sherry Raymond.
 - b. David Lemmon – grant/alternative funding opportunities. The governor's office went nowhere. Many comments regarding grants were made earlier. Jeremy Dufault is now waiting to find out where he will be positioned after the restructuring of the districts. David would be happy to join the Parks Foundation board to look for grants. He is looking at it in a positive and realistic. Kate Hotler and the video are very positive about our prospective. Candid is located in Washington and can help with the writing of the grants. The cost of the grant writing is unknown. He is going to the library for the free access to the grant information. Grant organization. They have everything there that there is to have information on. Barb says that Walmart gives out grants starting in February. It helps to know people who are getting money. The biggest thing we have going for us is a proven track record and our building, the organization that is already established. They aren't looking for start-ups. It may not work out but it is a different direction and we need to be open to accepting it at a different level. It may still be a decision to have a shorter season or close the pool. We need to be looking for something that is sustainable if it fills the programs' needs.
 - c. Heidi did make the clarification that the Parks Foundation doesn't have the organization, the proven track record, or the building that SPRSA has. Since the Parks Foundation would have to be applying, this may be a wrinkle in the process.
 - d. Roger said that we should have a letter from Parks Foundation saying that they accept money for SPRSA.
 - e. Barb said that you can apply for an intern to help with grant writing. The Selah Downtown Association did that.
 - f. Kelliann wondering if a junior tax entity is allowed to accept grants. The wording becomes difficult because it isn't the facility that is applying.

G. New Business

1. Lisa Saxey Resignation
2. 2022 – Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary. David motioned from the floor to continue the current slate of officers. Chair- Kelliann, Vice Chair – Roger, Secretary – Heidi. All were in favor.
 1. We need two more board members from the city and one from the county.
3. Resolution No. 07-2021 – Auditing and Investment Officers – Kelliann moved to approve as prepared, David seconded approved unanimously.
4. Resolution No. 08-2021 – Investment Authorization - Roger moved to approve as prepared, Kelliann seconded, it was approved unanimously.
5. Yakima Treasurer's Authorization for Financial Transaction Form - Kelliann moved to approve as prepared, Heidi seconded, it was approved unanimously.
6. Yakima Treasurer's Authorization to Waive 24-Hour Deposit Requirement - Kelliann moved to approve as prepared, Heidi seconded approved unanimously.
7. Yakima Treasurer's Information for Mailing & Agency Contact Form - Kelliann moved to approve as prepared, Heidi seconded approved unanimously.
8. Yakima Treasurer's Qualified Public Depository Form - Kelliann moved to approve as prepared, Heidi seconded approved unanimously.
9. 2022 SPRSA Meeting Calendar - Roger moved to approve as revised, Heidi seconded approved unanimously.

H. Old Business -

I. Board Member Communications -

J. Next meeting date: January 24, 2021 at 6:00pm - at Selah City Hall

K. Adjournment: 7:57 pm