

**City of LeClaire, Iowa**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023 – 6:21 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers - 325 Wisconsin St, LeClaire, IA**

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Blair: \_\_\_\_\_ Bloom: \_\_\_\_\_ Gravert: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Salvador: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bockenstedt: \_\_\_\_\_ Laserfiche: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Gerard called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 325 Wisconsin Street. Present: Mayor Dennis Gerard, Council Members Amy Blair, Bill Bloom (electronically), Sara Gravert, Barry Long, City Administrator Dennis Bockenstedt, City Clerk Tracy Northcutt, Police Chief Shane Themas, Fire Chief Shane Bleeker, Public Works Director Mark Dale, Parks & Rec Director Greg Ludwig, Library Director Melita Tunnickliff and City Engineer Leo Foley. Absent: Council Member Ryan Salvador.

**Discussion Items:**

A. Parks Master Plan Priority List

Greg Ludwig, Parks & Recreation Director, gave an overview of the attached priority list. Dennis Bockenstedt, City Administrator, gave details regarding the timing of the projects. Ashley Simms, 316 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St, indicated that the neighbors in Cody's Hunt are very interested in getting the park space cleaned up and improved. Council has no objections to this plan as presented.

B. Veterans Memorial Complex Retaining Wall & Ball Fields

Leo Foley, City Engineer, Veenstra & Kimm, presented renderings and a plan for improvements to the Veterans Memorial Complex Ball Fields. Council has no objections to this plan as presented.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Long, seconded by Blair, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

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**Dennis Gerard, Mayor**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tracy A. Northcutt, City Clerk**

## **Park Master Plan**

### **Park and Trail Priorities (Budget Year)**

Trails expansion:

1. **Wisconsin Street, Cody – 15<sup>th</sup> Street (grant application under review) (2024)**
2. **15<sup>th</sup> Street, Wisconsin to Huckleberry Park to Iowa/Eagle Ridge Road (July 1 grant application) (2024)**
  - a. **Bistate Assistance**
3. **Mississippi River Trail, Ewing – Ferry Street (portion under construction) (2024)**
4. **Silver Creek Greenway, design and land acquisition (New)**

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  - a. **Cody's Hunt Acceptance (Immediate)**

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5. **Eagle Ridge trail, Canal Shore to Steventon's (2024)**

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Hollyhock:

1. **Replace old swing set (New) (Fall 2023)**
    - a. **Possible Grant SCRA**
  2. **Add sidewalks around perimeter (New)**
  3. **Add dog park bench (Summer 2023)**
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Vets Memorial Park:

1. **Refurbish existing ball diamonds/retaining wall 2023**
  - a. **V&K developing drawings and pricing**
2. **Hire landscape architect to layout new park (New)**

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  - a. **RFP (Planned for end of May)**

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Huckleberry Park:

1. **Add fence on east side of new area (2023) (Bids coming in)**
  2. **Grade and seed corn field (2023)**
    - a. **Received bids today, approve June 5**
  3. **Hire landscape architect to layout new park (2023)**
    - a. **RFP planned end of May**
  4. **Connect trail on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Wisconsin Street (2023)**
  5. **Add new parking lot area (2024)**
  6. **Add sidewalks around park perimeter (2025)**
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Riverfront Park:

1. **Connect riverfront trail from Ewing Street to Ferry Street (2024)**
  2. **City Center Plaza reconstruction (2023)**
    - a. **Bid pending**
  3. **Replace/upgrade boat docks (2023)**
  4. **Hire landscape architect to design riverfront/marina district and trail from Ewing Street to May Street (New)**
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Scout Park: Measure Usage to find best step forward

- 1. Demolish/remove outdated equipment (New)**
- 2. Demolish/remove gazebo (New)**
- 3. New playground (New)**
- 4. New shelter**