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Golf Course Advisory Committee Meeting
April 10, 2025

In Attendance: Chris Mulleavey (Chair); Councilor Nathan Fennessy; Councilor Jennifer Kretovic; Linda Mattlage; Gary Darby; Fran Hunt; Roger Jobin; Bob Whatmough; Mack Bean; Charlie Randall; Pat Lanman; Josh Lacasse; and Brian LeBrun.

Excused: Jim Tanner.

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025 and March 13, 2025 meetings. The minutes were approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2) Pro Shop Update:

- Pat indicated that the course opened for the season on Friday, April 5th, and 156 rounds were played that day. Carts will be permitted beginning today.
- Winter simulator league has ended.
- Despite the poor weather, the driving range has been busy.
- Three “Get Golf Ready” classes will be starting soon. All three classes are full.
- The Committee discussed leagues and lessons. Mack Bean indicated that he feels the perception amongst taxpayers is that all facets of the golf course should bring in revenue and pay for themselves. Jennifer Kretovic noted that there is a balance, and while some facets of the golf course may have a loss, there are gains in others; with a profitable bottom line being most important. Deputy City Manager Brian LeBrun indicated that the idea for leagues and lessons isn’t as a major money maker, but to get people out there on the course booking tee times, renting carts, renting simulator time, etc.

3) Course Update:

- All winter debris has been cleaned up. Staff is now focusing on cleaning out bunkers.
- All the greens have been mowed once.
- Some trees in the vicinity of Holes 4 and 5 have been removed. A stump grinding crew will be in soon – hopefully next week.
- The irrigation system will be ready next week.

4) City Council Referral Document:

- The committee reviewed and discussed, at length, the referral from City council to the Golf Course Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC). Also discussed was the additional correspondence submitted to the committee by Ms. Charette. Chris Mulleavey will draft a response for the committee to review at its May meeting before submitting it to City Council.

5) 5 Minutes of Public Input:

- There was no public input.

6) Adjournment:

- A motion was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM with a unanimous voice vote.