

**JOURNAL OF COMMISSION WORK SESSIONS**  
**June 5, 2007**

City Commission Work Session

Mayor Pro-tempore Hinz presiding

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** City Commissioners present: Bill Beecher, Sandy Hinz, Diane Jovick-Kuntz and John Rosenbaum. Mayor Stebbins was excused. Also present were the City Manager, City Attorney, Directors of Community Development, Park and Recreation, Fiscal Services, Public Works, Planning, Police Chief, Acting Fire Chief and the City Clerk.

**1. SWIMMING POOL UPDATE (OF 1501).**

Park and Recreation Director Jim Sullivan introduced Brian Milne, Interstate Engineering, and asked him to review the bids that came in for the swimming pool improvements and the recommendation. Mr. Milne stated that two bids were received that were fairly close in price, however they were over the budget by about \$287,000. He added that after reviewing the bids, he recommended the City Commission award the part of the contract to rehabilitate the two neighborhood pools and install the spray decks to Talcott Construction. He reminded the the City Commission that the splash deck project would be paid for separately and was not part of the GO Bond project. Staff had identified alternative funding for that part of the project.

He added that he was working with staff to reduce the costs associated with the Mitchell Pool improvements. Additionally, he was reviewing the costs for the neighborhood pools as well and planned to bring a change order to the City Commission to add the Mitchell Pool improvements to the project and reduce the costs of the neighborhood pool projects so the budget will be met.

**2. KART TRACK**

Charles Kuether presented an idea to use approximately 30 acres of land owned by the City near Manchester for a Kart Track. He requested the City lease the land to the Kart Club, that the Mayor and City Manager write letters supporting the construction of a Kart Track, that the City help financially if possible and that City staff assist with any technical or procedural issues such as rezoning the land.

It was the consensus of the Commission to support the track and directed City Manager Lawton to have a staff team work with Mr. Kuether on this concept.

**3. CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE.**

City/County Health Department Director Cherry Loney reported that the Health Department needed some funding or some type of financial relief soon or they may have to reduce the level of services offered. She explained that their funding comes from fees, the federal

government, any applicable insurances, Cascade County and the City of Great Falls. Unfortunately, she added with the elimination of the “Poor Fund,” the funding level from Cascade County was reduced. She added that the purpose for the presentation was to update the City Commission on the Health Department’s financial condition.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Stebbins adjourned the work session of June 5, 2007, at 6:45 pm.