

May 25, 2016
Special Session

The Bellevue City Council met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Christopher J. Roling presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The roll call was called follows:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen Ernst, Tim Roth, Darla Lawson. Also present was City Administrator Loras Herrig. Park Superintendent Warren Crouch, Police Officer Ryan Kloft, Mike Griebel, Wayne and Lois Kilburg, Randy and Wanda Kingery, Jared and Brittany Decker, Tony and Katie Koenig, Lara McCombie.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Jayson Heiar and Gary Feuerbach

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Roling reviewed the agenda and declared it approved.

MIKE GRIEBEL

Mike Griebel appeared before the Council to update them on the status of the Ensign Park ball diamond project. He stated that when he initially selected the location of the diamonds he planned for the second diamond to have a backstop in the southwest corner of the property. It was impossible due to the elevation of the property; he needed 175 feet for foul lines, and would have to dig into the bank a considerable amount resulting in an 18 foot tall retaining wall. There are also two springs located in that area making it impossible to have an infield in that location.

Based on the issues they encountered they decided to locate the backstop to the north side of the property immediately adjacent to the existing diamond. The City Council acknowledged the reason for the decision and asked if there was any possibility to alter the existing diamond. Councilmember Roth asked if the diamond could be moved to the south. Griebel noted because of the dimensions of the field this rearrangement would be impossible. Roth also asked if the fence could be lowered to make the fencing more attractive to the property owners and less obtrusive. Griebel responded if the backstop was lowered that the state tournaments could not be held at this facility.

After discussing the matter, Mayor Roling explained to the neighbors that it seemed to be physically impossible to move the diamond so they would need to look at other options to minimize the impact on the neighbors. An irrigation system will be installed to reduce the dust. The neighbors present asked if a privacy fence could be installed or plant trees for a barrier. The Council discussed the various options on fencing and agreed that a 4 foot high fence at approximate cost of \$7000.00 be installed by Heiar Fencing. They instructed City Administrator Herrig follow up on this as soon as possible.

It was decided not to install privacy slats; once the fence is installed it could be reviewed to see if they were needed at that time. Tree planting would be considered in the future and all parties involved would have knowledge of the tree plan. After discussion of the entire park in detail it

was agreed by everyone present that everything was being done that could be done. The City Council thanked the neighbors for their input and the neighbors thank the Council for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Ernst moved with a second by Roth to adjourn at 9: 00 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator

Mayor