

**PUBLIC PROPERTY & HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
Markesan City Hall  
October 3, 2023  
Immediately following Streets, Building & Utilities Committee

**MINUTES**

Call to Order at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call by Sign-in – Adam, Pat, Clint, and Rich.

Citizen’s Comments – None, but several interested persons were in attendance.

**Public Works Report**

Grass trimming at the Cemetery – Following discussion regarding the use of Roundup around the stones causing both aesthetic and stone integrity concerns, motion was made by Pat/Rich to instruct the Public Works Dept. to not use Roundup and only trim around the stones. Motion carried.

Chipper Bids for Recycling Center Use – Per Todd’s written report, he continues to work on the matter. No action.

Air Conditioning & Heat Zoning at City Hall – Per Todd’s written report, B.A.T.I. will be testing the equipment on October 4. Motion was made by Rich/Adam to approve the \$1,500 cost to check the system. Motion carried. It is suggested Todd & Jim be in attendance when the system is checked to better understand it.

**Old Business:**

Public Works Punch List – Pat reviewed the punch list and indicated which items remain to be completed (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). Todd is to look for classes he can take online to better equip himself in identifying diseased/dead trees.

Recycling Center Agreement with Towns – It was reported that the City Attorney cannot review the agreement for us because of a conflict of interest. Since only 2 small changes were made to the previous contract, motion was made by Rich/Pat to forward the Agreement to the Towns involved for their approval and signing. Motion carried.

**Items for Bidding on Punch List –**

Cemetery Driveway – Pat will check with Todd to see the status.

Tree Stumps – Motion was made by Rich/Adam to accept the bid of \$1,250 from Ultimate Outdoor Brothers to grind, cleanup, add topsoil, and seed the 6 stumps (Soldiers & Sailors 3, City Hall 1, and cemetery 2). Motion carried.

Repairs and Painting at Kiwanis Park, Library and City Garage to be addressed under new business.

**New Business:**

Benches at Cemetery – The Chamber of Commerce has requested to put 2 benches in the inner circle of the new cemetery. Motion was made by Rich/Adam to

approve their request, but ask that a placement diagram be provided the City prior to installation. Motion carried.

**Deer Management Committee Rules Recommendations –**

Following comments by several interested people, motion was made by Rich/Clint to approve the committee's recommendation to allow hunters to install tree stands on public property as early as Sept. 1, but must be removed by February 15<sup>th</sup> of each hunting season. Motion carried.

Motion by Rich/Pat that Zanto Park land be removed from the public land for hunting, Motion carried.

Horn-et Award for Deer Management Program – Considerable discussion was held regarding the Horn-et Award (shooting of 2 doe earns the hunter the right to get a buck). Several suggestions were to increase the number of doe before a buck can be shot. Eventually a motion was made by Pat/Rich to continue the Horn-et Award program as previously approved August 8, 2023. Roll call: 2 Aye (Pat & Rich), 2 Naye (Adam & Clint.) Motion failed. Pat requested that the City Attorney give a determination as to whether this issue can be brought again or if the action of August 8<sup>th</sup> stands.

Purchase 15 Deer Tags for Deer Management – Motion was made by Rich/Pat to authorize the expenditure of up to \$180 to reimburse hunters for extra tags (\$12 ea.) that they may need provided they have used their tags first. Motion carried.

Community Garden Update – Wendy Metke updated the committee regarding the first year of the Community Garden. She is requesting that additional land be available. Motion was made by Rich/Adam to authorize the continuance of the garden for another year, further expansion be allowed, and have Pat meet with Wendy to discuss concerns the City has and then present a plan to the committee addressing those concerns. Motion carried.

Young Stars Playground Equipment – No action. Rich and Pat to meet with them.

Adoption of Dog Park Rules – Motion was made by Rich/Adam to approve the Dog Park Rules as presented (copy attached). Motion carried. It was noted that a “soft opening” of the park is planned for October 21 with a dog Halloween Costume contest.

Bids for Kiwanis Park and Library shed – One bid was opened and will be reviewed prior to Council. A recommendation will be made at Council regarding what projects could fall within our 2024 budget and which might be completed in 2023.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, motion was made by Adam/Rich to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Prill, Chairman

## **Markesan Dog Park Rules**

Thank you for visiting our dog park. Your visit to the dog park is under video surveillance for your and your dog's safety. Use the park at your own risk. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for the behavior of the dog(s) at all times.

**Hours of operation:** Dawn to dusk

**Vaccinations/ Dog license:** Dogs must wear a collar, be properly licensed, and have proof of current rabies vaccine.

### **Park Use:**

- Dogs must be leashed while entering/ exiting the park and outside the park.
- All gates shall be immediately closed after any person enters or exits the dog park.
- Owners must remain in fenced area with their dog(s) while they are off leash. Limit 3 dogs per owner. Dog handlers must be at least 14 years of age.
- Dogs must be under voice control and in view of the owner at all time.
- Only dog treats are allowed only. No raw hide, bones, or pig ears are allowed.

### **Clean up:**

- Immediately clean up and properly dispose of waste the dog(s) deposited in the trash can by each entrance.
- Failure of an owner to clean up after their pet could lead to dismissal from the park. Digging is not permitted.
- Owners must fill in any holes their dog leaves. Holes are a hazard for dogs and people.

### **Park use for classes:**

Park use for dog obedience classes may be organized through Markesan City Hall for a small fee.

### **Agility area restriction to prevent injury:**

This area is limited to dogs 12 months and older for small breeds, 18 months and older for large breeds.

### **Dog conflicts:**

Aggressive dogs are not allowed. Handlers are responsible for any injury caused by the dog(s) under their control. Report any altercation between dogs or handlers to the city of Markesan police department (920) 398-2121.

### **Prohibited in the park:**

- Glass containers
- Female dogs in heat
- Pets/animals other than dogs
- Unlicensed or unvaccinated dogs

- Sick or injured dogs, kennel cough
- Puppies under 4 months
- No smoking / No alcohol

**Injury/ Liability:** The City of Markesan shall not be responsible for any person or dog using the dog park.

All visitors have a stake in the success of the park. These rules are in place to make the park a pleasant experience for all. The Markesan Public Property Committee will handle all disputes. Follow the rules to avoid the revoking of park privileges.