

Bancroft City Council
Monday, July 14, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING-MEMORIAL PARK GRANT
Meeting Minutes of the Mayor and City Council for Bancroft, Idaho

Roll call showed the following council and staff members present:

Jessica M. Vawser, Eric Christensen, Walter (Nate) Eiman
Mayor Spencer, and Clerk Swensen

Others in attendance: Amanda Collins with SICOG

Absent:

Call to Order: Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

Pledge: Mayor Spencer

Prayer:

Item: 1 Agenda

Cm, Nate Eiman made a motion to Accept the Agenda.

Cm, Jessica Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Spencer opened the floor for comments regarding the use of park grant funding. SICOG (South East Idaho Council of Governments) representative Amanda Collins explained that there is an opportunity for the city to receive grant funding through Urban Housing Development up to \$240k. The applications are due on February 15, 2026. SICOG would require 10% for admin fees leaving approximately \$220,000 for the construction of Memorial Park.

Amanda asked what the residents would like to see happen if the city were to be awarded the funding. A copy of the grant process was given to each council member. Amanda was able to go see the park before the meeting and noted that there are a couple concerns including some tripping hazards and possibly replacing the slide with a safer option. Amanda will reach out to the manufacturer of the playground equipment to see if the warranty will cover replacing the slide and making a few upgrades. Amanda suggested putting in some equipment for younger children. Amanda reported that the rubber bark is in great shape and covers most of the equipment making it safe. Council advised that the bark was donated by John Deere Tractor out of Preston and was replaced last year. Amanda noted that the restrooms were decent and appeared to be ADA compliant.

Amanda has worked with a few cities that used their grant to put in pickleball courts. The city could consider doing a 2 or 4 court option, putting in a combination pickleball and basketball court since the park has plenty of space courts and parking. The park shouldn't require a lot of excavation.

Resident Mike Ackerman suggested putting in overhead lights to allow for longer hour park use.

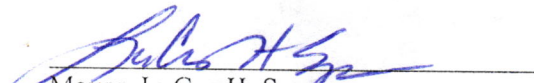
Amanda will work on cost estimates for the application and watch the funding to become available.

Adjournment: Cm, Eric Christensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Cm, Jessica Vawser 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.


Recorded by: ds
City Clerk /Debbie Swensen

8-11-2025
Date Accepted by Council


Mayor, Lucus H. Spencer