Wilmington Municipal Golf Course

Advisory Board

July 8, 2024, Meeting

**Attendance:**

Joseph Anthony, Richard King, Tony Upchurch, Steve Bridges, Freddy Dunn, Craig Davis, Chris Dean, David Donovan, Matt Smith

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Joseph Anthony at 5:03pm

July meeting minute with attachments: A motion was made by Tony Upchurch to approve the June minutes. A Second was made by Freddy Dunn with all members voting in favor of the motion.

**Budget Committee**

The Golf Course Budget received final approval from the City Council which included the $2.00 per round greens fee increase. Also included are additional funds for course improvements.

Richard King asked when the website would be updated with the new rates. Dave Donovan stated he would check with the city web person. Also, Richard mentioned that the website needs to be updated to reflection Jeff Darby as the Chairman of the board. David Donovan stated that the committee is one person short, and he would talk with the City Clerk about filling the vacancy.

Joseph Anthony brought up the question of how the committee could relay concerns to management? It was mentioned that this committee could give an update to the City Council once a year, but it has not happened for many years.

**Greens/Grounds Committee**

Richard King reported that some of the projects that had been identified will be postponed into FY25 due to high bids. Also, the lightening protection on the restroom building needs to be repaired.

**Marketing Committee**

No Report

**Friends of Muni (FOM)**

There will be a social membership drive at Bar Masonboro on July 30th at 5:30

**City of Wilmington**

No Report

**Pro’s Report**

A details Pro’s Report was handed out and reviewed by David Donovan (See Attachment)

Highlights:

* Total revenue for June 2024 of $262,230 was a new record.
* Pro shop sales for FY24 were a record $189,298 and surpassed FY23’s record of $160,642 by $28,956.

Steve Bridges requested that when the final financial report comes out in October that the board be provided with an update on the fund balance and financing for the irrigation project.

**Golf Course Update**

A details Maintenance Report was handed out and reviewed by Matt Smith (See Attachment)

Highlights:

* The Irrigation project bid will go to council on July 16th and if it voted yes, we would begin the project in September.
* The golf course is scheduled for aeration of the greens, fairways, and tees from noon on July 15 through July 19. The course will be closed during this time.
* The new start shed was delivered to the course.

**Unfinished Business**

Joseph Anthony asked where is the RFP process for new software to replace Rec-Trac? David Donovan explained that the city has signed a new one-year contract with Rec-Trac and staff are looking into whether the golf course is required to use it. The Golf Advisory Board is concerned that the new software will be postponed for a year, and we will lose the benefits gained by implementing the new system.

David Donovan stated that the city will be putting out an RFP for the new golf cart contract. He stated that he is targeting to have it out by the end of July 2024.

**New Business**

**Municipal Golf Association (MGA)**

**Adjournment**

Craig Davis moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Freddy Dunn and was approved by all members at 5:30pm.