



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Council Session

Item G-22

**#2020-240 - Approving Overnight RV Parking for May 2021
Softball Tournament at Veterans Sports Complex - Parks &
Recreation Department**

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy, Parks & Recreation Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: September 22, 2020

Subject: Approve Overnight RV Parking for May 2021 Softball Tournament at the Veterans Sports Complex

Presenter(s): Todd McCoy

Background

All overnight use of City parks is restricted as a result of City Code:

§24-5. Curfews In City Parks

(1) The city council may, by resolution, establish, or alter, a curfew in any city park or playground, and prohibit access to, and the use of, such park or playground during the hours of the curfew so established.

(2) Signs shall be posted in any park or playground for which a curfew has been established, indicating the hours of such curfew.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to be in a park or playground during the curfew hours posted for such park or playground.

Discussion

Local softball tournament organizers have requested that an exception be made to the Veterans Sports Complex curfew on May 28, 29, 30, 31, 2021. Event organizers request the City to allow overnight Recreational Vehicle (RV) camping during a tournament that organizers believe will bring 100–125 youth softball teams to Grand Island. The majority of the softball families will likely stay in area hotels, but event organizers request this approval to accommodate a small percentage of families that prefer RV travel and are accustomed to onsite tournament parking.

If approved by City Council the Parks and Recreation Department plans to require the registration of each RV, charge \$20 nightly fee, designate parking areas, and communicate important facility rules.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that City Council approve the Resolution to alter the curfew and City requirements at the Veterans Sports Complex May 28, 29, 30, 31, 2021 to allow for overnight RV parking.

Sample Motion

Move to approve overnight RV parking at the Veterans Sports Complex May 28, 29, 30, and 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION 2020-240

WHEREAS, local softball tournament organizers have requested that the Parks and Recreation Department allow Overnight RV Parking during a May 2021 Softball Tournament at the Veterans Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Recreation Department plans to require the registration of each RV, charge \$20 nightly fee, designate parking areas and communicate important facility rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, approves the request to allow Overnight RV Camp Parking for a May 2021 Softball Tournament at the Veteran's Sports Complex.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 22, 2020.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
September 18, 2020	☒ City Attorney