



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 09, 2004

Council Session

Item G17

**#2004-47 - Approving Contract with James A. Culver for
Operation of Train and Food Concessions at Stolley Park**

Staff Contact: Steve Paustian

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steve Paustian, Park and Recreation Director

Meeting: City Council, February 18, 2004

Subject: Contract for Train and Food Concession Operations at Stolley Park

Item #'s: G-17

Presenter(s): Steve Paustian, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

A contract was let in 2003 to Jim Culver doing business at the Chippewa Northwestern Railroad Company to rebuild the Stolley Park Railroad Track. After the completion of this contract Mr. Culver was then hired to operate the train and to start renovating and repairing the train and cars. That agreement expired in January of 2004.

Discussion

It has been determined by staff that it is in the best interest of the City to continue with the outsourcing of the operation of the train and food concession at Stolley Park. Mr. Culver has a great amount of experience in the operation and maintenance of trains and offers the best opportunity to provide a safe and pleasant experience for anyone participating in the ride. The contract is for a five year term with various stipulations and measurements to insure a quality operation.

Alternatives

1. Approve the contract.
2. Disapprove/Deny the contract.
3. Modify the contract to meet Council wishes.
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

Administration recommends the City enter into a contract with James Culver d/b/a Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Contract with the Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company.

RESOLUTION 2004-47

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2003, by Resolution 2003-191, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved a contract with James A. Culver, doing business as The Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company to operate, repair and maintain the railroad and train in Stolley Park on a daily basis for the 2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island invited proposals for Operation, Maintenance and Management Services and Food Concessions Service for Stolley Park Railroad, according to plans and Request for Proposals on file with the City Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, proposals were due on December 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the only proposal received was from James A. Culver, doing business as The Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City pay to The Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company the amount of \$2,500 per month to operate the train and Sweet Tooth Shop, restore the train engine and train cars, and build a tunnel; and

WHEREAS, The Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company will retain all train receipt revenues and Sweet Tooth Shop revenues up to \$15,000 per year, with the gross proceeds over \$15,000 to be split equally among the parties to the contract; and

WHEREAS, a proposed contract has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the agreement between the City and James A. Culver, doing business as Chippewa Northwestern Railway Company, is hereby approved for the provision of trained staff to operate, repair and maintain the railroad train and Sweet Tooth Shop in Stolley Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 9, 2004.

Approved as to Form _____
March 4, 2004 City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk