

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, October 16, 2023**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Consent5**

**Council to approve the reappointment of Megan Hayward to the Park, Cemetery & Tree Board for a five year term.**

**Staff Contact: Kevin Spencer, City Manager**

I am a mom to a 5 year boy and an 8 year old girl, an architect, a Rotarian, and a person who values community. I'm a transplant to the area through marriage. I met my husband in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska while I was obtaining my Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Architecture and my husband was getting his degree in Civil Engineering. My husband's family ties, and business opportunities created strong ties to the community and brought us back to his home, which has become my home. As a military brat who moved around a decent amount, I have lived in the Scottsbluff area longer than I have lived any where else, and this community has become my home too.

I joined the Parks, Cemetery, and Tree board in 2013, after I had a conversation with Perry Mader when I was looking for a way to get involved in the community and meet people. As a runner at the time I used the pathway quite a bit, and was just excited to serve. As I have become a mom, I continue to use the expanded pathway for running, but I also now use it for riding bikes with my kiddos. I also enjoy taking my kids to the multiple parks around town and the swimming pool.

In my ten years on the board, I have learned a lot about the parks, the cemetery, trees, pools, city budgets, staffing, vandalism, and maintenance. I have used the knowledge I have gained from being a parks, cemetery, and tree board member to be a liaison between other citizens and the board. I have used my connections to other organizations and people, and my professional background to make partnerships to better the city of Scottsbluff Parks, Cemetery, and Recreation. As a board member, I have had the pleasure of not only being a voice for our community but also with volunteering to help with the "Movie in the Park", the City Easter egg hunt, the Harvest Festival during my first term, planting trees, arbor day celebrations, and more. I look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the board.