

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

AGENDA # 1

AGENDA REPORT

DATE: November 19, 2002

ITEM: Sale of a portion of Gibson Park – T20NR3E Sec. 1 SW ¼

INITIATED BY: Mark Macek, Re/Max of Great Falls Realtors

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve Sale

PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY: Jerry Sepich, Park & Recreation Director

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission conduct a public hearing on the proposed sale of .27 acres of Gibson Park in T20NR3E Sec 1 SW1/4, and barring protest approve the sale.

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission approve the sale of .27 acres of Gibson Park in T20NR3E Sec 1 SW¼ to Bill Stuff, Place Development for \$32,932.”

SYNOPSIS:

Based on comparable sales, the City established a minimum bid price of \$32,932, based on \$2.80/square foot, for this property.

Per City Ordinance, the sale was advertised in the Great Falls Tribune. The City received one bid from Bill Stuff, Place Development, the bid met the minimum requirement of \$32,932.

BACKGROUND:

Mark Macek, Re/Max of Great Falls approached the City regarding the possible sale of a portion (.27 acres) at the east end of Gibson Park. This portion is separated from the main park by 6th Street North and is not contiguous to the park.

The City Commission at its October 1, 2002 meeting declared this property as surplus and authorized staff to proceed with the sale. Staff used comparable sales to establish the minimum bid price.

Prior to the relocation of the Park and Recreation Department complex, this property was used to house a storage building for Park Maintenance and for additional staff parking. Since the move of the Park and Recreation operation to its' present location, the property has not been used. Staff does not foresee any further use of the property for park or any other purpose.

Section 3.04 OCCGF, as it pertains to the sale of park property, requires the Park and Recreation Board review the sale of park property and make a recommendation to the City Commission. At its September 9, 2002 meeting, the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved this sale and recommended approval by the City Commission.

