

**CITY OF EVART  
PRE-COUNCIL MEETING  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00PM  
Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street**

Mayor Chris Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Present Council Members:** Sean Duffy, Mayor Emerick, Sandy Szeliga, Jim Schwab


**Present Staff:** Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Finance Director Jennie Duncan, Director of Public Works (DPW) Don Duncan, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

**Guests:** none

**New Business:**

*Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations*

Discussion about limiting the number of days someone can tent camp on Riverside East. There have been problems with people squatting and/or hiding on the East side of the park. Update the rules and regulations to state 2 tents are allowed on one site at Riverside East, and one RV/camper plus one tent is allowed on Riverside West. Duffy questions whether closing East altogether would eliminate the problem issues. Bruggema explains that future plans for East are to eventually have hookups allowing for RV camping on that side as well to bring in more revenue. Duffy shares that he received negative feedback from residents about the wording in the Newsletter requesting donations to use the splash pad and boat launch. He suggested softer language.

  
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Andrea Grupido, City Clerk