Park Hours, Animal Control on City's Agenda Tonight

Thursday, 24 October 2013

Brianna Gibbs/KMXT

Park hours could be coming to places like Baranof Field and East Addition Park in the near future. Tonight the Kodiak City Council will hold a regular meeting and discuss, among other things, whether or not to implement hours of operation for Kodiak’s many public parks. In an effort to better staff the parks, and mitigate potential vandalism, the city hopes to have winter and summer hours opening at 5 a.m. and closing at 10 p.m. or 11 p.m., respectively. Tonight will be a first reading on the matter, and public hearing will be held at the council’s next regular meeting on December 12.

Scheduling conflicts will prevent the council from holding any meetings in November, which means it’s a busy agenda tonight. The council will vote on a series of authorizations, including two professional services contracts. First up is a contract with CH2M HILL for composting design. Last week the borough assembly approved a land transfer to the city on an area the city hopes to build a Class A composting facility. With that land secured, the city hopes to start the planning and design for that facility. Another contract up for authorization is for the Monashka pumphouse design.

Tonight the city will also authorize the removal of an inactive AT&T satellite dish near the new Kodiak Public Library and vote on the new animal control contract with the borough.

Tonight’s meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. in the borough assembly chambers and will be broadcast live on KMXT. Public comments are accepted at the beginning and end of each meeting and limited to three minutes per speaker.