



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DEB WOODS, CITY CLERK FOR MAYOR BREMAN AND COUNCIL LIAISON HANCEY

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2026

AGENDA TEXT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REAPPOINTMENT – A request to approve the reappointment of Steven Sparks to the Parks and Recreation Commission for another three-year term to expire in January of 2029

BACKGROUND

In December of 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission member Steven Sparks' term expired, thus creating a vacancy. The vacancy was advertised on the City of Fruita's website and Facebook page between December 2, 2026 to the present.

On December 15, 2025, Steven Sparks submitted his application for the vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission. No other applications were received by staff.

On January 6, 2026, Mayor Matthew Breman and Council Liaison Aaron Hancey interviewed Mr. Sparks and subsequently recommend that he be reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for another three-year term to expire in January of 2029.

Mr. Sparks' application is attached for the Council's review. If he is reappointed, there will be no remaining vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission until June of 2026, when another board member's (Shanachie Carroll's) term is due to expire.

Pursuant to the Boards and Commissions Policy that was adopted by the City Council with the adoption of Resolution 2020-32 on August 4, 2020, if Steven Sparks is reappointed, he will not be eligible to serve another consecutive three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Boards and Commissions provide valuable input to the City and help establish goals and objectives. They provide a link between citizens of Fruita and city government.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Reappoint Steven Sparks to the Parks and Recreation Commission for another three-year term to expire in January of 2029.
2. Instruct staff to publish a notice of vacancy and repeat the interview process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Mayor Breman and Council Liaison Aaron Hancey that the following reappointment be made:

- **STEVEN SPARKS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR ANOTHER THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN JANUARY OF 2029**