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Staff Report

ITEM 4-2

To: Lemoore City Council

From: Joe Simonson, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: November 13, 2014 **Meeting Date:** November 18, 2014

Subject: Lemoore Golf Course Operations – Short Term Contracts for Management and Food and Beverage Services

Discussion:

At the November 4, 2014 City Council meeting, Rich Rhoads submitted his resignation of the Golf Course effective December 1, 2014. As a result, staff has had to determine the most effective way of moving forward with the Lemoore Golf Course operations as well as researching short term options. The extended contract with Rich Rhoads was due to expire March 31, 2014.

Staff proposes that we enter into a short term contract with Tom Ringer, a Class A Professional that briefly worked at the Golf Course last summer, to manage our Course. Mr. Ringer has an Associates of Arts Degree from Santa Barbara, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Stanislaus State University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from Fresno State University.

Mr. Ringer was the Head Golf Pro at Visalia Country Club for 16 years, as well as working at three other courses. Mr. Ringer brings a wealth of knowledge to the position and has numerous ideas to improve the first impression of the course, cash handling and golfer loyalty. Mr. Ringer would take over day to day operations of the Golf Course and oversee all maintenance as well. Mr. Ringer would also provide golf lessons and commit 10% of the revenue from those lessons back to the City. We would enter into a \$4,500 per month short term contract which would take effect November 22, 2014 and expire once the RFP is awarded. The RFP process is expected to open in January 2015 and be awarded around March 2015.

To manage food and beverage, we propose to lease the Snack Bar to Maximillian Vernon, owner of Gunny's Sandwich Shop in Lemoore. He has agreed to rent the snack bar for \$1,000 per month and commit 10% of the net profits to the City. The ABC license would be in his name but would remain property of the Lemoore Municipal Golf Course.

Mr. Vernon would offer employment to all current food service workers. He would keep the menu the same, but may add new items. He realizes that food service at the Golf Course is of upmost importance and will honor the commitment of food and beverage to all tournaments that are already scheduled. This short term contract would take effect

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Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That City Council, by motion, authorize the City Attorney to draft the required short term contracts to Tom Ringer for management of the Golf Course and Maximillian Vernon for Food and Beverage Service for the Golf Course as stated above and authorize the City Manager to execute approved short term contracts.