

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

December 17, 2019
City Hall Council Chambers
326 Grant Street

Public Services Committee Members Present; Juan Topete, Ed Barlow, James Harrison, and Mike Daugherty

Members Absent;

Staff Present; Tom Short, Mark Peterson, and Lorie Neubert

Non-Members Present; Ceri Otero, Jonathan Roberts, Abi Almandinger, Danny Curry, David Armstrong, Lora Phelps, Lemmie Jones, Thomas Todd, Daniel Beck, Danny Lambeth, Wendy Royer, Darren Wallace, Lyman Burr, and Jim Schriever, Mayor Dan Rife, Lauren Osborne, and Michael Fisher.

At 5:30 P.M. Mr. Topete called the meeting to order.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve minutes from the November 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Waters Edge Aquatic Design and Citizens Action Group interested in improving aquatics offerings within the community.

Mr. Peterson introduced Lauren Osborne and Michael Fisher from Waters Edge Aquatics Engineering and Design from Kansas City. Preliminary study made possible by the McCune Brooks Hospital Trust.

Existing facility evaluation of Municipal Pool:

- A. Built in the 1930's. 85 years old.
- B. Leaking. Either from pipes or shell.
- C. Leaks 179,000 gallons a day.
- D. Bathhouse doesn't meet ADA guidelines.
- E. Low cost recovery level. (37% estimated by Mr. Roberts)
- F. Water too cold. Low attendance.

Mr. Roberts from the Fair Acres Family YMCA reported that the revenue from the 2019 swim season was \$44,255.00. The City subsidizes the pool at \$50,000.00. 30% of pool attenders are YMCA members who get in free with their Y membership. Attendance has declined from 2017-2019.

Modern aquatic centers are typically replaced every 40 to 50 years. Remodel and

repair costs of existing pool estimated at \$500,000. Demolition costs estimated around \$100,000.

Preliminary market analysis looked at 26 facilities in a 30 mile radius of Carthage. From neighborhood pools to regional pools.

Budget goals, pool size and population comparisons were done. Case facilities in Odessa and Kansas City MO. and Manhattan and Dodge City KS. It was determined that the study group would like to see a pool 13,000 to 16,000 square feet.

Site analysis determined that Fair Acres Park would be the best site for the new facility.

Preliminary concept considered will be a regional pool with:

- A. Bathhouse
- B. Fenced spray pad (un-maned)
- C. Sunbathing decks
- D. 0 entry pool
- E. Sprays/bench
- F. Slide
- G. Floatables
- H. Volleyball net
- I. Basketball goal
- J. Lazy river
- K. Boomerang slide
- L. Climbing wall
- M. Plunge area
- N. Wave pool
- O. Deep pool area
- P. Diving area with boards
- Q. Swim lanes
- R. Landscaping, sunshades, bleachers
- S. Route 66 theming (optional)

Estimated Regional Aquatic Center cost at 12.1 million. A neighborhood pool estimated cost would be 7 million.

Mr. Topete questions the warranty on the aquatic equipment. There will be a 1 year warranty. Sponsorships and selling advertising would be possible to interested companies or individuals.

Next step suggested by WEAD in the process is to begin a feasibility study, identify the need and create a plan. Public engagement will be a major priority to determine what the citizens of Carthage would like to see in an aquatic facility. 2% of the population would be the goal. Online surveys, school surveys and mailings etc....WEAD will help to identify the questions for a survey. Estimated cost for a "statistically valid survey" would

be \$14,700.00.

The committee took no action at this point. Much more discussion and information is needed to determine the next step. This will be on the January PSC agenda.

Mr. Daugherty moved for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.