



## RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Santaquin City Council Chambers  
August 1st, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Chad Finch, Davis Harris, Jessica Tolman, Lesley Miller, Sara Olsen, Nick Miller,

**Others Present:** City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Parks and Recreation Director Amy Johnson, Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham, Office Clerk and Board Secretary Hayden Mageno, City Engineer Norm Beagley, City Council Betsy Montoya, City Council Chelsea Rowley, City Council Lynn Mecham, Mayor Kirk Hunsaker, Ron Jones from WPA Architecture, and Dave Edwards from WPA Architecture.

**The meeting was called to order at: 7:01 PM**

**Inspirational Thought/Invocation:** Prayer led by Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jessica Tolman

### **Minutes:**

- a) Approval of minutes from the board meeting held on 7-01-2019  
Board Member David Harris made motion to approve minutes from the last meeting, Vice Chair Chad Finch seconded the motion.

**Public Forum: 7:04 PM, open and closed.**

### **Agenda Items:**

- a) **Discussion and possible action of the continuation of planning the possible upcoming Recreation and Aquatic Center.**

City Manager Benjamin Reeves played a video on the new recreation building and aquatics center. The video showed overhead footage of the old building and the blue prints that WPA has made. City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained what operational costs and overall costs are. With the new building it would generate 4 full time position, and many part times positions. The recreation center would be open 6 days a week. Springville was used as example for passes. They offer day passes, annual, three month passes, six month passes. The rates would also allow nonresident and resident rate.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained we have the opportunity to pull people from other cities to our center. Also he talked about the opportunity that the commercial property will help with taxes and job creation. City Manager Benjamin Reeves talked about capital cost of the new recreation center, \$19.9 million is what it came in as. City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained that they started looking at things that could be taken out to reduce the price. This can be done in two ways. The first would be to put the amenities in and go from there or the second option, put hard number in and say this is what we want. City Manager Benjamin Reeves said the second option is what the city has done with most of our buildings. City Manager Benjamin Reeves felt like the numbers may have been skewed. Ron Jones from WPA Architecture and City Engineer Norm Beagley were able to wiggle things out and get the numbers down to \$16 million.

City Engineer Norm Beagley showed how everything is taken into account including, earth work, plumbing, furniture, fixtures, all of it. City Engineer Norm Beagley explained the cost of



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the building is the first section, demo, reskinning, insulation, at about \$6 million. The pool

addition is about \$5 million and the pool extensions \$1.6 million. City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained these have not been quoted by a specialist these are just estimated guesses.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves said the Recreation Board has a decision to make on how do we proceed. The first would be to kill the project and no longer proceed. The second would be go all in and pay the high prices. The third would be to do the \$12 million and say this is our price, do what we can. And the fourth would be to phase it out and let the voters pick what sections to do, which can be confusing on a ballot. A fifth option would be to wait till the 2020 elections and have more time to design and get a true price.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves said everything we are paying for the building goes to the toward the purchase price. If we don't purchase it, it will be gone. Board Member Chad Finch asked if it would be cheaper to build from the ground up? City Engineer Norm Beagley explained we wouldn't even be close the price if we were trying to build a building with the land and square footage. Engineer Norm Beagley added if we put this on the ballet for \$12 million, it will be a really nice facility that will be able to help the community. We can phase out the things that need or be taken out. We could build a nice product and get close to what we want.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves the council doesn't need to make a decision until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Between now and then we can conduct surveys for the public. The council will meet on August 6<sup>th</sup> to talk about this.

Council Member Nick Miller explained one of the concerns is the public should have a very clear picture to show them. The public needs to know the price they are paying. As long as we are forthcoming it will be the right approach.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves showed video with the interviews they conducted with council members, recreation board members, the mayor and others.

Chair Jessica Tolman asked to choose an option. She said postponing should not be an option. Board Member Sara Olsen explained her worry is we will go to the public with not enough information.

City Council Member Lynn Mecham stated that we put it on the ballot and let the public decide if they want to pay for it.

Jessica Tolman asked to make a motion to the council, Board Member Sara Olsen made a motion for the Recreation Building and Aquatic Center for 12 million to be put on the November, Vice Chair Chad Finch second the motion.

### **Reports of Officials and Staff:**

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham talked about flag football. There were only two coaches



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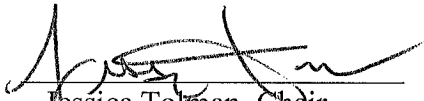
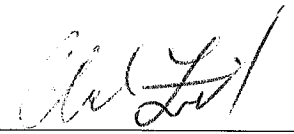
in each league. The plan is to cap the teams and then call parents from the wait list to find more coaches. He asked if the Board wants him to do that. Chair Jessica Tolman said yes.

Parks and Recreation Director Amy Johnson talked about Orchard Days. She explained everything has been great so far! The rodeo is this Friday and Saturday. The leisure service job interviews will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August and the finance job interview will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Next meeting will be:** August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00PM

**Topics for next meeting:** Recreation Building

**Adjournment:** Chair Jessica Tolman made the motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Chad Finch seconded the motion. All were in favor we were adjourn at 9:05 PM.

  
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Jessica Tolman, Chair  
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Chad Finch, Vice