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## CITY SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR OUTDOOR POOL BALLOT INITIATIVE

The City of Monett operates an outdoor pool located in South Park that is managed under contract with the Monett Area YMCA. The pool was built in 1964 and renovated in 1998. In 2013, the City selected Water's Edge Aquatic Design to conduct an assessment of the existing pool and to assist the City with identifying improvement needs and future planning. Their report, dated March 24, 2014, was submitted to the City and its Community Aquatics Needs Advisory group on April 9, 2014. The findings of the report were that the bulk of the swimming pool structure, pool deck, and underground piping are original and have issues typical of their age. The pool structure is in fair condition for the most part, but has areas that are deteriorating including stress cracks and erosion of the concrete surface. The pool deck slopes toward the swimming pool which is not allowed by current codes. The overall condition of the facility ranges from average to poor. The bathhouse is structurally sound, however, portions of the bathhouse are old and in need of replacement. The floor doesn't have much texture and also has many flat areas, that do not drain which create slip hazards. A major concern is that the pool facility has been experiencing significant water loss, which is increasing with time. The engineers believe that the underground piping is likely a large contributor to the water loss. The existing pool is not compliant with current ADA rules regarding swimming pools.

As a result of these findings, Water's Edge Aquatic Design presented three proposals for consideration:

- 1) Basic Renovation—this option would simply extend the life of the pool without making any major improvements or adding any play features or enhancements. It would retain the existing 8-lane 25 yard lap pool and the 4-lane 25 meter lap area. The cost estimate for Option 1 is \$1.3 million:
- 2) Renovation with Enhancements—this option would retain most of the existing pool features but would add a zero-depth entry, a ramped entry for the lap pool, an interactive play structure, a current channel, a spray ground, climbing wall and tiered seating on the slope for visitors. It could also include replacement of the pool slide for an additional cost. The cost estimate for Option 2 is \$2.3 million plus another \$150,000—\$250,000 to replace the slide;
- 3) New Family Aquatic Center—this option would consist of a new aquatics facility located adjacent to the YMCA which would take advantage of the play features already present in the YMCA's indoor facility and add new enhancements such as a speed slide, open flume slide, family slide and an 8-lane 25 yard lap pool. The pool would be owned by the City but patrons would have the additional option of utilizing the YMCA's facility. This would allow the installation of fewer enhancements that might duplicate the Y's indoor features, it would lower the initial and ongoing costs normally associated with similarly-designed outdoor aquatic facilities. The cost estimate for Option 3 is \$3.1 million.

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All three options will require a sales tax increase to pay for design and construction costs. The amount of the sales tax needed will depend on a number of factors including;

- The construction cost of the selected option;
- The operations and maintenance (O&M) cost associated with the selected option;
- The number of years financed to pay back the construction and O&M costs;
- The interest rate associated with the debt.

The length of the debt service on each pool option is related to the anticipated life expectancy of that option. Option 1 may have a life expectancy of 10 years. The life expectancy for Option 2 may be slightly longer due to the new play features but it retains a portion of the existing facilities that will require future capital investment. The financing for Option 3 is projected to be paid off in 20 years though the life expectancy of a new facility would be longer.

It is important to note that the City's annual operations and maintenance cost would be less with a new facility and more with a basic renovation which must be considered when selecting a pool option. Information provided by the City's current pool operator estimates the cost to the City for contract operations for Option 1 (basic renovation) may be \$45,000 more per year than Option 3 (new pool).

Depending on the option selected, the increase in local sales tax needed to cover the annual debt service and operations and maintenance costs could likely be ¼ cent for every dollar spent in Monett. This means for every \$100 spent in Monett, if the pool sales tax were to be approved, it would add 25¢ to the purchase price. For every \$1,000 spent, it would increase the tax by \$2.50. Again, the tax rate associated with a pool ballot issue will depend on the option selected and could be more or less than this example. The sales tax will have a sunset provision so that the tax will expire when the debt for the pool's construction or renovation is retired. More details on the financing will be explained prior to the election.

The City has tentatively scheduled two public forums in October (Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>) to review all three options. These forums will be held at the Park Casino building beginning at 6:30 p.m. Following these meetings, residents will be able to go online and vote for their preferred option. An ordinance will be prepared for City Council consideration and another public hearing will be held at that time regarding the selected pool option, proposed sales tax rate and potential financing costs.

**NEW BRUSH SITE LOCATION OPENING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

The City is completing the new Animal Control Facility located immediately south of the Monett Justice Center on East Cleveland Avenue. This is also the site of the existing brush site. Due to the completion of the new facility and a desire to eliminate the costs of hauling brush to the old dump site, the City will be permanently moving the brush site to 23701 Lawrence Farm Road 1100, effective Saturday, October 1st. This site is where the City currently hauls the brush and burns it. Directions to the new brush site are to go east on Cleveland Avenue (Business 60) one mile from the intersection of Cleveland and Chapell Drive, turn left (north) on Farm Road 1100 and go ¼ mile to the entrance of the new brush site where you'll see the signage on your left.

The new brush site will have an attendant on-site and be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.