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NEW OUTDOOR POOL BALLOT INITIATIVE TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

On April 4th, Monett voters will be asked to approve a new ¼ cent special purpose sales tax that would be used to construct a new aquatic center in South Park adjacent to the Monett YMCA. The existing outdoor pool was built in 1964 and, despite years of regular maintenance, deteriorated piping under the concrete deck and non-compliance with current codes will require the City to invest a significant amount of money to rehabilitate or replace the facility. As a result of an extensive planning process, three options were prepared and presented to the public at two public forums and through newsletters and social media asking for input. The options included a basic renovation of the existing pool; a basic renovation with several enhancements; and the construction of a new aquatics center adjacent to the YMCA. A combination of online and mailed surveys were distributed to every household in Monett and 425 responded with their choice. Two hundred thirty-five (235) or 55% selected the construction of a new aquatics center as their preferred choice, while 119 or 28% selected the basic renovation with enhancements. Thirty-four or 8% preferred the basic renovation and thirty-seven or 8% preferred none of the above.

If approved by voters, the new tax will pay the principal and interest on the debt to construct the new pool. The new tax has a sunset provision that will retire the tax in ten years or earlier if the debt is paid off before the ten-year period. The City anticipates that the new tax could be retired in approximately eight years based on the estimated costs of a new pool and the projected revenues the City would receive from a ¼ cent sales tax. All monies received from this tax will go to pay off the debt as early as possible and no funds from the new tax would pay for operational expenses. The General Fund that pays for operations and maintenance of the outdoor pool will benefit if the tax is approved by leading to a much lower cost to operate a new pool as designed. The estimated savings of \$40,000 per year is due to the proposed pool's proximity to the YMCA and the efficiencies that can be gained through the new pool design and by sharing lifeguarding staff and management with the YMCA's indoor pool.

This tax initiative will enhance the quality of life for our residents and help our businesses recruit employees that will want to live and work in Monett. These improvements will also continue to make Monett and the Ozarks region a great place to raise a family.

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The tax rates shown below compare Monett’s sales taxes with other cities in southwest Missouri according to the Missouri Department of Revenue/2017 Sales & Use Tax Rate Tables for January – March, 2017:

This includes city, county and state sales taxes combined.

Cassville.....	8.60%
Carthage.....	8.20%
Bolivar.....	8.10%
Joplin.....	7.975 – 9.075%
Neosho.....	7.85%
Republic.....	7.85%
Aurora.....	7.85%
Monett (Barry).....	7.725%
Monett (Lawrence).....	7.35%
Springfield.....	7.60 – 10.1%
Branson.....	7.60 – 9.60%
Mt. Vernon.....	7.35%

If you’d like more information on the City’s outdoor pool proposal, please go to our website at www.cityofmonett.com and follow the link Public Pool Options, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/City-of-Monett. You can also get updated information on the pool ballot issue by going to www.facebook.com/MonettSplashCommittee/.

Below is the engineer’s rendering for the proposed aquatic center:

