



LIONS CENTER POOL UPDATE

Pool Heater Replacement and CO₂ System Project in Progress –

Historically, the City has heated the pool from the end of October to early May each year. Two commercial grade heaters were purchased in 2006 to heat 400,000-500,000 gallons of pool water. In 2016, the City repaired the heat exchangers and replaced parts for roughly \$20,000. This scope of work extended the life of the two units by only two years.

The existing pool heaters are inoperable. After evaluating several alternatives, the City has chosen to pursue total heater replacement. A CO₂ System will also be incorporated to extend the life of the heating system by reducing the needed to maintain proper health and sanitation standards. The total estimated cost of the project (professional services excluded) is \$71,000. This project has gone out to bid with an estimated completion date of late January 2019.

Although the pool's temperature is expected to drop with the change in the weather, the pool will remain in operation and available for public use.

Pool Re-Plastering Project on the Horizon - Maintenance is essential to ensuring the pool's safe use, as well as its longevity. The Lions Center Pool was last renovated in 2005. City efforts to patch failing plaster will no longer suffice. As such, the City has initiated the preparation of bid documents to re-plaster the pool and enhance a number of safety features. The project cost is anticipated to cost in excess of \$470,000. An estimated date for going out to bid has yet to be established as the City is in the process of prioritizing a backlog of capital projects. It is noted that re-plastering cannot be delayed for long as the effectiveness of patching diminishes with time.

Pool Operational Expenses - On an annual basis, the City captures operational expenses for the pool. The City's intent is to be transparent as to the associated cost of operating the pool. The average daily cost of one day in a calendar year in FY 2016/17 (excluding personnel) is \$272.94.

By briefing the community, the City hopes that pool users are informed of current efforts and have patience with any future interruptions to service. Although cost recovery has not been pursued in the past, maintaining community assets for the benefit of the public, as well as stakeholders, continues to be a challenge and opportunity to best serve community needs.