

COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Topic: Swimming Pool

March 4, 2024

Council President Thad Eikenbary called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted the topic was a swimming pool.

Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall were present.

Nancy Nozik and Charlie Schneider of Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. an architectural firm from Cleveland Ohio were present and gave a presentation. They indicated that based on 2024 prices, a community pool with 9,384 square feet of water surface and 32,806 square foot deck, parking, grass area, concession stand and fencing would cost \$7.5 million. The estimate for the same square footage in 2012 would have cost \$3 million. They cautioned that this is an estimate and would not know the actual cost until construction bids would be given.

Comparisons were given of other area pools, including Delphos, Paulding and Celina and all prices ranged from \$3 million to \$8 million.

Annual operating expenses are estimated at \$277,000 which includes personnel, utilities, concessions, pool chemicals and misc. expenses.

They indicated that the average pool would likely be open 80 days per year and that a new pool would likely last between 20-25 years before needing major renovations.

It was discussed if the pool could be enclosed to be open year round but this is usually used for purposes other than general swimming, such as school swim teams. It was discussed how we do not want to take away from the YMCA and what it offers in indoor swimming. If it were enclosed it would require the poolhouse and bathroom be open year round which would increase costs.

Julie Moore asked the difference between saltwater and chlorine pools and was told saltwater is not the best way as it requires a chemical backup and is more expensive. She also asked the time frame of construction from start to finish and was advised approximately one year.

Hall Block, 401 S. Washington asked if the pool would be built in phases and was told it would be built in one phase.

Andrew Davis, 1061 Linden Dr., asked if another estimate would be done prior to building and was told that the estimate would be revisited at that time but would not need to be started from the beginning.

The Mayor indicated he has heard of pools only having a shallow end. This is usually for places that do not want a deep end and up to what the community wants.

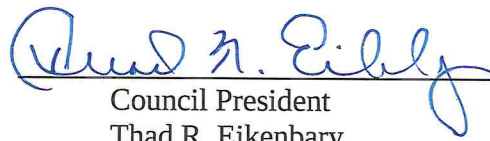
Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler, asked what the pool would be made of and was told it generally consists of stainless steel walls and concrete floors. Mr. Davis also asked about lighting and was told that it is included in the estimate and does not include LED lights in the pool.

The Council will take these updated cost estimates and considerations upon advisement as it contemplates additional meetings to consider the feasibility, site possibilities, funding and community-wide needs and impacts of a community swimming pool.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

March 11, 2024
DATE