



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jasper Kruggel, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Le Sueur Community Center and Outdoor Pool Update

DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, June 22, 2020

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update about the Le Sueur Community Center and Outdoor Pool and provide staff direction related to status of the facilities.

SUMMARY

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Le Sueur Community Center and Outdoor Pool have a projected revenue shortage and additional expenditures due to the pandemic. During the May 26, 2020, City Council meeting, direction was provided to prepare to keep the Le Sueur Community Center and Outdoor Pool closed until financially feasible to open. Staff also indicated that they would return to City Council on June 22nd to provide an update and confirm that direction.

During the last month, additional data related to expenditures has been collected. The operational costs of the Le Sueur Community Center are unknown on a month to month basis. The additional month and a half of data has indicated a decrease in baseline expenditures.

On June 17, 2020, the Le Sueur Personnel and Budget Committee received a report on the budget projections. Staff solicited direction from the group on how to proceed, giving the Personnel and Budget Committee three options. Those options included:

1. Proceed with the direction from May 26, 2020
 - a. Keep facilities closed until financially feasible to reopen
 - b. Furlough Supervisor and Technician 100%
 - c. Furlough Manager 60%
2. Open the Outdoor Pool and keep the Le Sueur Community Center closed until CARES Act funding is confirmed to be available
 - a. Furlough Manager, Supervisor, and Technician 55%
3. Open the Le Sueur Community Center and the Outdoor Pool
 - a. Furlough Manger, Supervisor, and Technician 55%

Budget projections for the options have been updated using data through June 16th.

Option 1 – End of year budget projection - \$38,758.92

Option 2 – Open the Outdoor Pool

- Manager, Supervisor, and Technician are furloughed at 55% (working 18 hours per week)
- Pool would open on June 27th
- Outdoor Pool daily passes (\$6.00+tax), single seasonal passes (\$50.00+tax), and family seasonal passes (\$80.00+tax) will be available
- Estimated Revenue - \$7,360.00
 - Five day passes/day
 - 30 single seasonal passes
 - 50 family seasonal passes
- Estimate Expenditures - \$91,003.33
 - Includes additional staff required to follow [State of Minnesota Pool Guidelines](#)
- End of year budget projection - \$-60,451.53

Option 3 – Open the Outdoor Pool and Fitness Area at the Le Sueur Community Center

- Manager, Supervisor, and Technician are furloughed at 55% (working 18 hours per week)
- Pool would open on June 27th and fitness area would open on June 24th
- Outdoor Pool daily passes (\$6.00+tax), single seasonal passes (\$50.00+tax), and family seasonal passes (\$80.00+tax) will be available
- Fitness Center daily passes (\$6.00+tax), single monthly membership (\$20.00+tax), and family monthly membership (\$35.00+tax)
- Estimated Revenues
 - Outdoor Pool - \$7,360.00
 - Fitness Center - \$18,840.00
- Estimate Expenditures
 - Outdoor Pool - \$91,003.33
 - Fitness Center - \$113,256.88
- End of the year budget projection - \$-154,868.41

The Le Sueur Personnel and Budget Committee has evaluated the situation in great detail, and along with staff feels the benefit to opening the Outdoor Pool outweighs the risk of a budget deficit. Staff feels there will be access to the CARES Act disbursement in the near future once approved by the Minnesota State Legislature.

The Le Sueur Personnel and Budget Committee is recommending to proceed with Option 2, opening of the Outdoor Pool on June 29th and revisiting the Le Sueur Community Center Fitness Area when the CARES Act money is approved and eligible expenses are confirmed for reimbursement; this will likely occur by mid-July.

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is requesting that City Council evaluate the options described and provide staff direction on how to proceed related to the opening of the Le Sueur Community Center Fitness Area and Outdoor Pool.