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CITY OF REXBURG
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March 25, 2010

Mayor Richard Woodland
Council Members:
Christopher Mann – Council President
Rex Erickson Donna Benfield
Bruce Sutherland Brad Egbert
Adam Stout

City Staff:
Stephen Zollinger – City Attorney
Richard Horner – Finance Officer
John Millar – Public Works Director
Val Christensen – Community Development Director
Blair Kay – City Clerk

Rexburg City Council Special Meeting
March 25, 2010
7:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Mayor Rich Woodland, Council Member Rex Erickson, Council Member Christopher Mann, Council Member Adam Stout, Council Member Brad Egbert, Council Member Bruce Sutherland and Council Member Donna Benfield.

From the Rexburg Redevelopment Agency: Joseph West, Bill Riggins, Rich Ballou and County Commissioner Jon Weber.

Bill Riggins of the Rexburg Redevelopment Agency offered the Invocation.

Mayor Woodland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment:

Mayor Woodland introduced the subject of O&M costs and turned the time over to Johnny Watson to make the presentation of the elements involved in running the facility. Critical that time management be maintained, as employee costs are significant. Pocatello was making money until they became overloaded with employees.

Payson, Utah subsidizes the flat water with the water features, and as a facility that is nearly equivalent to what is being proposed in Rexburg. In spite of 19 weather days last summer, they finished the year in the black by $7,000.

Council Member Benfield asked about Payson's Sunday operation, and there was no answer as to whether they are open on Sunday. (They are not open on Sunday.)

Johnny Watson discussed concessions and party rentals as significant upsides to the bottom line of the facility in Rexburg.

Council Member Sutherland indicated that he felt the University wards are likely to be contributors.

In addition to the water facilities, there are also rooms available for rent. Occupancy assumptions are based on statistics from around the country, and may be significantly different for the university population, with the difference being on the upside. Administration would have to be responsible for the ultimate fees, and determining if there should be an out of city fee that is higher than the in city fee.

Council Member Erickson indicated that he would assume that the budget would be in anticipation of at least a break even scenario. He further indicated that sponsorships of various aspects of the facility are available for the right administrator.

Cost assumptions anticipate that at the turnover point, the facility is ready to open its doors. All equipment is there, certified, and ready to swim. The facility will include as part of the Urban Development portion, the infrastructure necessary to access the swimming pool area.

Council Member Stout moved to accept the pool facility as proposed; seconded by Council Member Erickson; Discussion from Council Member Benfield on the issue of payout. Cost payoff is cost adjusted for the current economy. Discussion, on collateralization, determined that the facility would be the only collateral for the payment. Council Member Benfield verified that the city would not be liable for any debt for the facility if at the end of the twelve year period the Urban Renewal Bond had not been paid.

Those voting aye	Those voting nay
Council Member Rex Erickson	None
Council Member Chris Mann	
Council Member Adam Stout	
Council Member Brad Egbert	
Council Member Bruce Sutherland	
Council Member Donna Benfield	

The motion carried.

Mayor's Business:
John Millar discussed several capital items that are budgeted for this year that he would like to move forward with the purchases. The items include vehicles, heavy equipment and four wheelers to be used for meter reading.

Motion to approve purchases by Council Member Bruce Sutherland; and 2nd by Council Member Donna Benfield; all voted aye. **The motion carried.**

Adjournment

Attest:

Richard Woodland
Mayor

Blair D. Kay
City Clerk