

Rexburg City Council Special Meeting

March 25, 2010

7:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Mayor Rich Woodland, Councilmember Rex Erickson, Councilmember Chris Mann, Councilmember Adam Stout, Councilmember Brad Egbert, Councilmember Bruce Sutherland, Councilmember Donna Benfield.

From the Rexburg Redevelopment Agency, Joseph West, Bill Riggins, Rich Bilieu 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 discussed concessions and party rentals as significant upsides to the bottom line of the facility in Rexburg. Councilman 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.

Councilmember 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. **All voted Aye.**

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 aye.