

Recreation Committee Meeting

May 13, 2026

Members Present: Chairman Larry Chapman, Jim Engelman and Jeff Link

Others Present: Town Manager, Jonathan Greer and Recreation Director, Chuck Raby

Call to Order:

Chairman Larry Chapman called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm. The meeting was held at the Redwood Park Pool.

Discussion of Status of the Pool and Upcoming Pool Season:

Chuck Raby discussed the current status of the pool, and the renovations that will have to be done to correct the issues with the pool. As was mentioned at the Budget Work Session, the last major renovations on the pool were done in 2011 at a cost of approximately \$217,000. The pool now needs replastering at a cost of approximately \$200,000 – this work could be done in sections after pool season, and we could possibly get by without doing the deep end. It has been proposed that the shallow end be replastered at an estimated cost of \$40,000 during the FY 2026-2027 budget year. We also have a leak in the pool which will have to be repaired after pool season this year.

Options for pool repairs discussed at Budget Work Session:

- Grind down the plaster and paint – (has to be done every 2 years).
- Consider putting plan in place to eventually close pool and replace with splash pad, etc.

Both Chuck and Jonathan expressed concerns that the pool may not be able to open on time due to water restrictions that are being put in place due to the drought. It was mentioned that it would not look good to our citizens if we use 200,000+ gallons of water filling the pool and pressure washing the deck, while they are having to follow restrictions for water use for their homes.

The Committee discussed holding off on the replastering and any major renovations for the pool, pulling out the \$40,000 set aside in the FY 2026-2027 budget for the pool. It was the consensus of the Committee that the pool is becoming too expensive for the Town to maintain. The Committee requested that Jonathan and Chuck start plans for closing the pool, and to start finding ways to inform the public that the pool will be closing.

Motion/Recommendation: (Jim Engelman/Jeff Link) to pull the \$40,000 budgeted for pool replastering out of the FY 2026-2027 budget, and to start plans for closing the pool.
Unanimously approved.

Invite Farmer's Market to Redwood Park:

The Committee discussed the relocating of the Caldwell County Farmer's Market. The Market is planning to move to the Caldwell County Fairgrounds; however, the Committee wanted to make sure they knew they were welcome to locate at the Hudson Recreation Center. Chuck mentioned that he had already been inviting the Farmer's Market to come to the Recreation Center one day a week.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Jim Engelman/Jeff Link) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk