

September 25, 2012

Mayor Dell' Aquila,

With the 2013 budget right on our heels, I wanted to follow up on some items relative to the Recreation Center.

First, when Council authorized the contract with John Piepsny in January, 2012, it was with much fanfare and anticipation for significant improvements. We seem to have made some changes that are positive and some that will be measured over time. However, I don't understand why we are not requiring a formal written report from such an esteemed consultant to memorialize his efforts and knowledge.

There certainly seems to be plenty of dollars available in the \$10,000 contract (I believe about only \$3,000 used) for a report to be produced. At \$40 / hour, even if the report took several hours to produce we would only be spending a very minimal amount. Assigning Recreation Director Burger to summarize the findings is fine, but why we are not requiring the expert to finish the job he was hired for is beyond me. Therefore, I am formally requesting that the Mayor instruct Mr. Piepsney to produce a formal report.

Second, with two thirds of the year over the Recreation Center financially is showing some progress. Revenue is up about \$41,000 and overall operating expenses have decreased about \$110,000 versus last year by my calculations. The expense decrease was fairly simple to achieve with the elimination of the full time Building Manager and full time Pool Manager, although the Pool Manager position was replaced on a part time basis. In addition, it seems that there is much less lifeguard coverage since about February that obviously would reduce expenses. With that, has anyone, (Mayor, Rec. Director, Piepsny) addressed my presentation of January 17, 2012 (pool hours, coverage, etc.) and March 30, 2012 (approximately 16 items re: expenses, revenues, operations, etc.) What has been implemented, studied or?

Thank you,

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