



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 19, 2023
From: Nick Rizzio, Municipal Project Manager
Item: RecPlex Architecture Proposal

Purpose: A Resolution authorizing the City of Arkansas City to accept a bid submitted by Schaefer Architecture, of Wichita, KS, regarding the proposed RecPlex, for a City portion amount not to exceed \$12,250.00. **(Voice Vote)**

Background:

The City of Arkansas City Strategic Work Plan completed by WSU in April 2022, incorporated the need for improved infrastructure which entailed initiating the community planning for pool and recreation options. Prior to the strategic work plan, discussions and brainstorming for bringing a potential community recreation complex to Arkansas City area have been sought. The popularity of community RecPlex's has risen for being the largest community recreational facility that offers high level recreation opportunities by combining fitness, recreation, sports, multipurpose studio and gathering rooms, and an aquatic center all in one convenient location.

Together with the Arkansas City Recreation Center, USD 470, Cowley County Community College, and the City of Arkansas City, last month City Staff initiated the request for proposals for a Community RecPlex. Five RFP's were submitted by the deadline of Friday, November 17th at 2:00 p.m. The four shareholders then met to review the proposals based on bid requirements being met and consultant qualifications being displayed for the master planning phase of the potential recreation facility and aquatics center.

The group recommends Schaefer Architecture as the project consultant. Services provided by Schaefer includes kick-off meetings, partner meetings, data collection, public engagement, survey development, stakeholder meetings, preliminary budget analysis of alternatives, project workshops, concept revisions, and final concept. Possible outcomes of this project could involve an aquatics center, multiple gymnasiums, classrooms, childcare, health, and wellness center. Schaefer is currently working on completing a new RecPlex for Valley Center, KS.

The total proposed amount of \$49,000.00 will be split between the four shareholders, with the City portion due is \$12,250.00.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution
2. Disapprove the Resolution
3. Table the Resolution for further discussion

Fiscal Impact:

Amount: \$12,250.00

Fund: 20-Special Recreation Department: 530 – Parks & Facilities Expense Code: 6214 – Other Professional Services

Included in budget Grant Bonds Other Not Budgeted

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager