

# **CITY OF CHIPLEY**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Public Demand for Extended Park Hours

### **MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

### **PREPARED BY**

Patrice Tanner, City Administrator

### **SUMMARY**

We have had numerous requests from citizens regarding the extension of park hours, particularly for utilizing tennis and pickleball courts after standard work hours. The change in daylight savings time significantly limits access to these recreational facilities, especially in the evening. As daylight savings time ends, the availability of natural light decreases sharply in the evening, restricting the time that individuals can engage in outdoor activities after work. This reduction in available daylight directly impacts community members who wish to participate in sports like tennis and pickleball, depriving them of valuable recreational opportunities that enhance community engagement and health.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

City Staff recommends approval of a trial extension of park hours during peak usage times to assess demand and community feedback. We plan to increase public awareness of extended hours through community advertising and social media to ensure all residents are informed about the opportunities available.

### **ATTACHMENTS**