



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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### **Forestry**

Flower and tree watering has been excellent this season. Aside from a couple of weather events that caused some damage to flowers, it has been a relatively good year. We will likely water well into September before taking the flowers down. We will explore options to standardize the flowerpots across the park system. Currently, many of our pots do not match, as they were donated or collected over the last 5 years. We will try to find a couple of self-watering or reservoir options and slowly replace some each year.

### **Parks**

The Parks remains busy with mowing and weed eating. We have lost many of our seasonal park workers for the summer. We have hired one and transferred another to help keep up with the workload. Weather events cost us a couple of weeks of cleanup, and now we are just playing catch-up. We will be starting on the third ward court remodel. The fencing will be replaced, and a tile surface will be placed over the asphalt. The plan is to have two mini soccer courts (futsal) that we can play floor hockey, kickball, wiffleball, and pickleball on. Multi-use is definitely the way we can help with programming and make the courts more usable, while also cutting down on annual maintenance. The Parks garage will soon receive a new steel roof.

### **Recreation**

We are currently advertising all our football programs. The local AAU will be taking over the 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4th-grade basketball, so we will explore programming ideas for K-2.

### **River'sEDGE**

River'sEDGE had a strong finish to the season. We ended up with 6 teams competing for State Championships. We ended up winning one state title. All our teams improved their standing from a year ago, and the program continues to grow. We have already finished our tryouts and making teams for the 2026 season. We will have 25-26 teams in 2026!

### **Falcon Civic Center**

The FCC has slowed, so we will begin some of the construction we had put off until a decision on a possible move is made. We will be expanding the weight room and relocating some storage areas.

### **Aquatic Center**

The Aquatic Center is closed for the season. We will drain it this week once the chemicals have had time to dissipate. We were thankful we had enough staff to remain open until August 24.

## **RV Park**

The RV Park remains busy. We will be closing on November 15.

## **Complex**

We started the fall league last weekend. We had 27 teams play on the first weekend. We will have three more weeks and have two USSSA rentals in September and October. We will start the next session of slow pitch and run it through September as well.

## **Cemetery**

Mowing remains heavy; we are trimming as staff and time allow. The brigade remains busy on Saturday mornings repairing headstones and cleaning up sites.

## **Futsal court**



Our goals will be built into the fence.

Our courts will have a net divide so we can slide it out and use the entire court for kickball/whiffleball

The tile enables us to add sports to the courts for various activities.