
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: MARCH 8, 2021

DATE: 3.3.2021
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF YMCA POOL CONTRACT 2021-22

We are proposing to enter into a contract with the YMCA to manage the City Pool for the period April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. The proposed contract is the same language as has been used in the past few years.

By way of a brief report on the operations in 2020:

1. The agreement states that the YMCA will give Port Lavaca residents priority in hiring decisions for lifeguards. Typically the Y hires 14-16 life guards, but due to COVID they hired just 7 in 2020. All were Port Lavaca residents.
2. The Y passed all health and safety inspections in 2020.
3. Due to COVID, operations and available activities at the pool was very different.
 - No parties
 - They had family swim on Tuesday and Thursday nights with limited use of only 45 community participants. Normally those nights bring in about 60-80 people for a \$2.00 fee. This is a Family swim only - it is not a drop off for kids. Families must swim together.
 - They did not offer water aerobics classes last year due to COVID. In normal times, that class is usually all senior citizens and can have over 65 participants on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.
 - They also cancelled water walking, which is a free event to the community aerobics class which will have about 15-20 participants.
 - They did not offer swim lessons last year either. Normally swim lesson has 15 kids in each session, but due to face to face contact those were not allowed.
 - The YMCA wants to expand the use of the Pool but last year that was not feasible due to COVID. They will monitor the situation this year and follow guidance provided by the YMCA with regard to COVID-19.
4. The Parks Department spent time and funds last year to reroof the building and make other improvements to the facility.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval by Council to enter into this contract.