Ivins City Parks & Recreation Fee increase recommendations – 12-2021

Field rental for commercial tournaments/Events. (Tournaments that cost money to play in.)

For the past 15 years our philosophy for facility reservation for commercial tournaments has been toward inviting tournaments and other events to Ivins so that people can get to know who we are. We looked forward to a day when we would have hotels, restaurants, and places to shop so that the people who came to Ivins for tournaments and other events could spend money while they are here and help support our local economy. For the first 10 years this did not come at much of an additional cost to the city because Dale and his family and my family would do most of the field preparation and clean up for tournaments. We tried not to take our parks staff away from their regular duties so that they could keep up on them. When Dalan Briggs became our Parks Supervisor he felt that the parks department should handle those responsibilities and they did and did a great job. Looking back, I realize that, because we have a small staff and a large workload, this took a toll on our parks department that has plenty of responsibility without this extra work. We noticed that we got behind in some of our regular duties during the tournament season, which is almost 8 months of the year, but especially busy from February through May. During this time, we have also added more responsibility to the parks department, including, Fire Lake Park, Desert Rose Park, Mojave Estates Park and multiple landscape buffers.

We have always tried to keep our fees close to what other cities were charging, not considering that other cities benefited from the taxes from hotels and restaurants. My thinking now is that we would like to keep our facilities available for our residents as much as possible. If we are going to offer our facilities and staff resources for commercial and nonresident events, we need to make sure that we are covering all our costs, including, staff costs, equipment costs, facility wear and tear and the cost of residents not being able to use the parks during events and tournaments.

I am proposing that our fields be kept available for our residents to use. We can accomplish this by raising our fees to completely cover our time and resources and the loss of use for our residents. We can limit the number of reservations we allow for tournaments and events to once per month for outside commercial events and tournaments.

Field reservation fees for Commercial Organizations and/or Non-Ivins City residents and Non-Ivins Non-Profit groups that want to host tournaments or special events: this includes Field preparation, any needed maintenance, lights, and related costs. It does not include a staff member on site during the tournament or event, however, a staff member can be called in if needed.

Fees are based on the number of hours that Parks staff work for each tournament or event. This includes work done prior to a tournament/event, work done the day of a tournament/event and work done after a tournament/event. The number of hours is multiplied by the average hourly pay of the parks department plus benefit costs. I have rounded this cost up to include equipment costs.

There will continue to be no fee charged for Ivins residents to use the fields. Residents cannot schedule fields to host tournaments or events that charge a fee.

Cemetery fees – Nonresident fees
Proposing that all fees for nonresidents be double of those charged to residents.

Eliminate Holiday Interment from the Consolidated Fee Schedule.

UNITY Park Recreation room rental fees

We are proposing a fee for resident groups or individuals who would like to use the recreation room on multiple dates. We have had musical groups, church groups and individuals who needed a place to practice or meet for multiple times and we propose a reduced fee of $20.00 per hour. These groups will meet during business hours, at times when we have staff working, or we will make arrangement for them to have a key so that they are not requiring staff to come after hours to assist them. This fee is available to Ivins residents only.