City of Joplin — City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 20, 2015

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2015-507
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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INTRODUCTION:
This Council Bill increases various fees at Schifferdecker Golf Course as recommended by the Finance Committee.

DISCUSSION:
The Finance Committee has met over the last several months to evaluate the financial position of the Schifferdecker Golf Course and make possible recommendations to help improve the number of rounds at the course. Dr. Groesbeck, Finance Committee chair, reported the findings and recommendations of the golf course evaluation at the April 6, 2015 council meeting. The Committee had two immediate recommendations to help facilitate improvements at the course.

The first recommendation was to increase golf fees. The fees have not been increased since 2009. The Finance Committee reviewed the fees at other local courses and Schifferdecker prices are much lower than the surrounding courses. Therefore, the Committee recommended increasing green fees by $2.00 and increasing cart fees by $1.50. As a result other fees will need to be adjusted accordingly, such as the season pass. Please see the summary of fee changes for all of the proposed changes to the golf course fees. Additionally, the language tying the fee increase to the Consumer Price Index has been removed, as the fees for the golf course must be reflective of the cost to run the course.

The fee changes will be effective on June 1, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends this Council Bill be approved on first reading.