City of Joplin City Council Agenda Item

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2017

ITEM: COUNCIL BILL NO. 2017-533
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Head: Leslie Haase
Parks Director: Paul Bloomberg
City Attorney: Peter Edwards
City Manager: Sam Anselm

INTRODUCTION:
This Council Bill changes certain existing fees in the recreation division and golf course within the parks department.

DISCUSSION:
The City recently completed the biennial user fee review, which was discussed with City Council at the budget work session on September 6, 2017. User fees are fees for services for specific users. User fees should recover most of the related cost of providing the service, so general taxes are not supporting services for specific users. Under Hancock provisions, the City is only allowed to recover the cost of providing the service.

As detailed in the biennial user fee review, certain fees need to be increased to recover more of the costs associated with providing these services. In the fee review, staff proposed various changes to the parks and golf fees.

The proposed changes in recreation are as follows:

- Establish a $10.00 per participant activity fee for tennis, football, baseball and softball for usage of city facilities
- Increase the Soccer Tournament fee for college/high school/youth from $30.00 per match to $40.00 per match
- Increase the Soccer Tournament fee for adults from $50.00 per match to $60.00 per match
- Increase the Softball Tournament fee without lights from $100.00 a day to $150.00 a day
- Increase the Softball Tournament fee with lights from $150.00 a day to $200.00 a day
- Remove the Softball Practice with lights fee as it is not used
- Increase the Swimming Pool Family Season Pass from $125.00 to $140.00
- Remove the Parks Facility Rental fee as it duplicates other fees set forth in the ordinance

The proposed changes in golf fees are as follows:

- Establish a Twilight Season Pass of $300.00, as well as with a cart for $600.00
- Remove the higher installment payments from the season passes
- Establish a cart fee with the student green fee of $10.00 per seat
- Increase the 9-hole weekday fee from $8.00 to $9.00
- Increase the 18-hole weekday fee from $15.00 to $17.00
- Increase the 18-hole weekend fee from $18.00 to $19.00
- Increase the 18-hole senior weekday fee from $11.25 to $11.75
- Increase the 18-hole senior weekend fee from $13.50 to $14.00
- Establish a 9-hole senior weekday fee at $6.00
- Establish a 9-hole senior weekend fee at $7.00
- Increase the 18-hole student green fee from $8.25 to $9.00
- Increase the weekday twilight fee from $9.75 to $11.00
- Increase the weekend twilight fee from $12.00 to $13.00
- Increase the league play from $9.75 to $10.00
- Increase the golf cart fee for 9-holes from $6.75 to $7.00
- Increase the adult annual pass from $600.00 to $650.00
- Increase the adult annual pass with one cart from $1,225.00 to $1,300.00
- Increase the family annual pass from $900.00 to $1,000.00
- Increase the family annual pass with one cart from $1,525.00 to $1,600.00
- Increase the additional cart with a family annual pass from $575.00 to $600.00
- Remove the 25 play pass due to the introduction of the twilight pass

The fee changes will be effective on February 1, 2018.

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