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Swimming Pool Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why use Ad Valorem Tax and not Sales Tax?

Ad valorem tax offers a more stable and predictable form of revenue. Whereas, sales tax is unpredictable and fluctuates with the economy. With sales tax, most jurisdictions impose a flat percentage tax on the full amount of the agreed-upon price of the transaction. Unless the item in question qualifies for a full or partial exemption from the tax, you'll pay the appropriate tax rate on the transaction amount. Ad valorem taxes are proportionate to the value of the property involved. Property taxes are similar, but they're not based on actual transaction amounts. Rather, they are based on the assessed value of the property as determined by a government agency.

The City of Alva has a total sales tax rate that is pushing 10%. There are only 44 other cities that have a sales tax rate equal to or greater than the City of Alva. In NW Oklahoma only Enid has a sales tax rate equal to Alva's. Alva's ad valorem tax rate is the lowest rate in the area and quite possibly the state.

2. Is this going to be a new pool?

Essentially this will be a new pool. After surveying the community, there were a number of responses indicating the community would like to preserve the bath house and some of the more historical items on the site. The design the City has selected keeps the bath house building and remodels it for ADA accessibility. The swimming pool, filtration equipment and chemical equipment will be new. The new pool design will include a spray pad. The plans have been designed to provide toys for children to play on and with.

3. Was more than one design discussed?

The City of Alva reviewed five different designs. The Parks and Building Committee modified one of those designs to come to the final design.

4. Are there any parts of the current pool usable in the new design?

The slide is only 10 years old. A new pump was purchased last year, and a new chemical system was purchased this year. All equipment that is feasible to be kept, will be kept and reused to reduce cost during the construction.

5. Why can we not just fix the current pool?

The current swimming pool can be repaired, however the cost of repair is just slightly under the cost of new construction. The children’s pool has to be placed on a separate filtration and chemical system, the main pool filtration system has to be replaced, and the bath house has to be remodeled for ADA accessibility. With all of these requirements and such minor a difference in the cost between repair and new, it seemed prudent to construct new.

6. Are admission fees going to change after the new pool is constructed?

At this time there are no expected changes in admission fees for the Alva Public Swimming Pool.

7. What are we specifically voting on in August?

On August 13th, the City of Alva will be voting to approve a General Obligation (GO) Bond to finance the repair/reconstruction of the Alva Public Swimming Pool.

8. What happens if the election fails?

If the election fails City Staff and City Council will have to determine how to fund the required repairs to the Alva Public Swimming Pool. The State of Oklahoma Health Department has outlined the requirements for opening the pool next season. These repairs are currently estimated at \$1,558,254. If those requirements are not met the Health Department will not issue an operating permit for the Alva Swimming Pool.

9. How much was spent this year to enable the pool to be opened?

The City of Alva spent \$37,857 during FY 2018-2019 in order to open the Alva Public Swimming Pool. This includes the purchase of a new pump and a new chlorination system.

10. What are the annual operating revenues and expenditures for the swimming pool?

The estimated FY 2019-2020 budget, excluding Capital Expenditures, for the swimming pool is as follows:

Admission Fees, Pool Parties & Concessions Revenue	\$16,000
Personnel Expense	\$49,250
Materials and Supplies Expense	35,719
Other Services and Charges Expense	13,600