



Item: Resolution 10050, Swimming Pool Fees
From: Park & Recreation Department
Initiated By: Park & Recreation Department
Presented By: Marty Basta, Park & Recreation Director
Action Requested: Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution 10050

Public Hearing:

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for proponents and opponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move the City Commission (adopt/deny) Resolution 10050, Swimming Pool Fees.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls for the vote.
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Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Commission adopt Resolution 10050, Swimming Pool Fees.

	<u>Current Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
Mitchell Pool Access		
Adult	3.00	5.00
Youth 3-17	2.00	3.00
Children 2 & under	Free – 1 child per paying adult, \$1.50 add'l child	
Mitchell Pool Access with Water Slides and Flow Rider		
Adult	10.00	12.00*
Youth 3-17	9.00	10.00*

*Includes tubes & boards

Water Tower/Jaycee/Natatorium Access Open Swim

Adult	2.50	3.50
Youth 3-17	1.50	2.50
Children 2 & under	Free – 1 child per paying adult, \$1.50 each add'l child	
Water Exercise		
Daily	3.00	4.00
Monthly Pass	30.00	30.00
Punch Card (10 times)	30.00	40.00
Adult Lap Swim		
Daily	3.00	4.00
Monthly Pass	30.00	30.00
Electric City Water Park/Mitchell Pool/Water Slide Rental		
Water Park, Two Hours (Up to 499 people)	600.00	750.00
500-999 people	700.00	850.00
1,000-1,199	900.00	1,150.00
1,200 – 1,500	1200.00	1,350.00
Water Park, Additional Hour	400.00	500.00
Mitchell only, 2 hours (500 people maximum)	400.00	500.00
Flow Rider only, 2 hours (400 people maximum)	400.00	500.00
Jaycee/Water Tower Private Rental		
Two Hours 50 people & under	120.00	150.00
Two Hours 50 people & over	150.00	200.00
Natatorium Private Rental		
Two Hours 50 people & under	100.00	130.00
Two Hours 50 people & over	130.00	170.00
Non-resident Admission Fee (Water Park & Natatorium)		
Fee per visit		.50 – 2.00
Card/Photo (one time fee, unless lost)		5.00
Renew Sticker		1.00

Background: The Pool Fund has been identified by the City Manager as an “At Risk Fund.” From FY10 to FY13, the Pool Fund received \$414,389 annually in General Fund support to balance the Pool budget. This amount was reduced in FY14 to \$214,389 a reduction of \$200,000. This reduction in General Fund support was made up by utilizing the cash balance within the Pool Fund. With the Pool Fund cash balance being depleted this will not be an option in FY15. The proposed fee increase is projected to generate around \$85,000 towards the operations of the pools.

Mitchell Pool admission fees were last raised in 2001 (\$.50) and the Electric City Water Park pass fees were set with the addition of the Flow Rider. ECWP or Mitchell Pool fees have not been raised since 2001. Neighborhood pool fees were increase by \$.50 in 2002. In 2005 lap swimming fees and pool rental fees were increased slightly at the Natatorium.

Staff had recommended a fee increase for pools in 2009 which was denied by the City Commission.

Concurrences: The Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended the City Commission adopt the new pool fees at their December 13, 2013 meeting.

Fiscal Impact: The proposed increases could generate up to \$85,000 in additional revenue for the swimming pools based on comparable attendance in 2013. (Revenues at the outdoor pools are weather dependent.)

Alternatives: Alternatives would include additional general fund subsidy or a reduction in services and/or facilities.

Attachments/Exhibits:

1. Resolution 10050

RESOLUTION NO. 10050

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SWIMMING POOL FEES FOR ELECTRIC CITY WATER PARK, WATER TOWER, JAYCEE, AND NATATORIUM SWIMMING POOLS

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department’s primary focus is to enhance the overall health and livability of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted Resolution 9464, “A Resolution to Establish Swimming Pool Daily Fees for Mitchell, Water Tower, Jaycee, and Natatorium Swimming Pools” on March 15, 2005. Said fees have not been adjusted since that time; and

WHEREAS, having considered the cost of operation, administration and maintenance of all of the swimming pools, it is deemed necessary and appropriate to adjust fees associated therewith, thereby reducing the subsidy from the general fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, AS FOLLOWS:

That Resolution 9464 is hereby repealed; and

Fees for the Electric City Water Park, Water Tower, Jaycee, and Natatorium swimming pools are hereby established as follows:

Mitchell Pool Access

Adult	5.00
Youth 3-17	3.00
Children 2 & under	Free – 1 child per paying adult, \$1.50 each add’l child

Mitchell Pool Access with Water Slides and Flow Rider

Adult	12.00*
Youth 3-17	10.00*

*Includes tubes/boards

Water Tower/Jaycee/Natatorium Access Open Swim

Adult	3.50
Youth 3-17	2.50
Children 2 & under	Free – 1 child per paying adult, \$1.50 each add’l child

Water Exercise

Daily	4.00
Monthly Pass	30.00
Punch Card (10 times)	40.00

Adult Lap Swim

Daily	4.00
Monthly Pass	30.00

Electric City Water Park/Mitchell Pool/Water Slide Rental

Water Park, Two Hours (Up to 499 people)	750.00
500-999 people	850.00
1,000-1,199	1,150.00
1,200 – 1,500	1,350.00
Water Park, Additional Hour	500.00

Mitchell only, 2 hours (500 people maximum)	500.00
Flow Rider only, 2 hours (400 people maximum)	500.00
Jaycee/Water Tower Private Rental	
Two Hours 50 people & under	150.00
Two Hours 50 people & over	200.00
Natatorium Private Rental	
Two Hours 50 people & under	130.00
Two Hours 50 people & over	170.00
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Renew Sticker	1.00

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana,
February 18, 2014.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Hallett, Deputy City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Sara Sexe, City Attorney