

New Aquatics Center for John Day

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Questions for the City Council:

1. Does the City of John Day currently have the grant funds secured (\$2,000,000), is the project shovel ready and will it be completed by the grant's deadline date?
2. When will the donated land be transferred to the City of John Day from the Parks & Recreation District for building the new Aquatics Center as stated to Rep. Mark Owens in the grant request and is a vote by the taxpayers of the Parks & Rec. required?
3. Will the total cost of the project be \$5,614, 960 as state to Rep Mark Owens in the grant request?
4. Has the City of John Day secured the \$3,614,906 in matching funds as stated to Rep Mark Owens in the grant request?
5. What was or will be the source(s) of these matching funds the City holds or plans to acquire?
6. What are the estimated amounts needed to be raised for the project and what will the estimated maintenance & operating costs for the completed Aquatics Center?
7. What tax districts would be responsible to raise the funds and the estimated amounts, if needed, for this project and its operating costs?
8. Will the City of John Day be the owner – operator of the Aquatics Center, if not what will be the plan?
9. Is this the best use of our limited public funds when we have streets, sidewalks, storm drains, City infrastructure that needs urgent attention and the street development for the City's new housing urban growth plan to increase the city's tax base?
10. I am not against having an Aquatics Center as it would nice, but where is all the money going to come from (for an Aquatics Center used at most 3 to 4 months of the year); we could not even get a \$50,000 levy to pass to support our City Police, are we getting spread too thin to do all of what is needed now?

I would like to request that the City Council answer these questions in writing with support documents and references needed for the public to review. I further request that the answers to these questions be presented at the next Council meeting the for public discussion & input.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully:

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