

**JOINT MEETING OF THE SEBASTIAN COUNTY QUORUM COURT
AND THE CITY OF FORT SMITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014
TOUR OF AQUATICS FACILITY CONSTRUCTION SITE AT 5:00 PM
AND JOINT MEETING TO FOLLOW AT 6:00 PM
BEN GEREN SAFE SHELTER
7700 SOUTH ZERO
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS**

Sebastian County Judge David Hudson called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rhonda Royal led the Invocation.

Sharon Brooks, County Clerk, called the roll, with 10 members present. (Bob Schwartz, and Shawn Looper were absent, Johnny Hobbs came in at 6:27 PM)

Jim Medley	Linda Murry	Phil Hicks	Danny Aldridge
Donald Carter	Bob Schwartz	Shawn Looper	
Ray Stewart	Tony Crockett	Rhonda Royal	
Dickie Robertson	Johnny Hobbs	John Spradlin	

Sherri Gard called the roll for the Fort Smith City Board of Directors.

Judge David Hudson asked Richard Coleman, with American Resort Management (ARM) to give a briefing on the Waterpark project.

Mr. Coleman stated that for this area he estimates about 120,000 people to attend the Waterpark, at \$15 a ticket. He provided an Attachment on Page 10 showing all the ARM calculations for the Ben Geren Waterpark. He suggested that on slower days, at the beginning and at the end of the season, the rates need to be discounted. There would also be discounts available on Online Purchases.

ARM presented affordable Season Pass Rate at \$59 per person and \$199 for a family of four. The amount \$135,000 surplus for the Park is based on the 120,000 customers at \$59 Season Pass. The Operation Hours are 11 AM to 7 PM for the General Public and available for Private Parties after hours. Mr. Coleman stated that they are planning on having Movie Nights as well.

The Season Pass of \$59 rate is on height, due to the limited number of rides customers would be able to ride, and on how much of the Park someone would be able to use. Mr. Coleman stated that this will be a Self-sustaining Operation.

JP Danny Aldridge suggested free transportation directly to and from the Boys and Girls Club so that the children would be safe.

JP John Spradlin suggested that there should be hours when underprivileged children would be able to enjoy the Park at no charge.

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Mr. Coleman stated that the biggest expense will be employing the 60 lifeguards needed to keep the Park safe. 20 lifeguards will be on stands at all times.

JP Danny Aldridge suggested the Park offer the \$59 Season Pass as an Introductory Rate, which will go to \$79 rate next year.

City Director Phillip Merry suggested the language be changed in the documents to replace "from time to time" with "annually".

Mr. Coleman presented the Logo and the name for the Waterpark: "Parrot Island". JP Danny Aldridge suggested a name change that would tie in to the Historical Background of the City. The straw vote showed an opposition of 4 members.

Judge Hudson asked if there are any public comments.

Melissa Woodall, from Sebastian County, stated that she is not pleased with the \$15 ticket price, because during the election a lower price of \$5 to \$7 was presented. She said \$15 is not affordable.

Crissie Clegg asked if anyone researched the Large Income Disparity between Rogers, which our area is being compared to. She stated that there are large families with more than 4 members and should have discounts for larger groups.

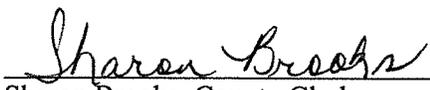
Ms. Clegg stated that the Parrot logo is random and it should be tied in to the local history.

Danny Aldridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

John Spradlin seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Brooks, County Clerk



Marcela White, Deputy Clerk