

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 6, 2026
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd and final committee meeting

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair), Members Mark Steenback and Michael Reynolds

Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander, City Administrator Seth Duncan and Assistant City Administrator Gregory Saxton

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: March 2, 2026

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Steenback seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

Mr. Cumalander reported the parks are full with activities. The Senior and Sports Center activities are both going well. The Sports Center facility is switching over to LED lights. The project is now about 60-70% complete.

5. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Discussion: Senior Center Non-Resident Fee

The City has recently completed its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A recommendation identified in the plan is the implementation of a fee for non-residents who utilize City recreational amenities and programs. This recommendation would recognize that residents, whose tax dollars support these services, should receive primary benefit. About 25% of the seniors who use the facility are non-residents.

Similar centers in the low country charge a non-resident fee. Most of the upstate centers do not. Greer charges a small fee; Simpsonville and Fountain Inn do not.

Councilman Reynolds asked if the department charges a non-resident fee for sports registrations and was answered yes. Mr. Cumalander said the department does not currently have software that can differentiate non-residential from residential addresses, so right now the department relies on the honor system. Mr. Duncan said there are ways to find out whether a person is a City resident, one of those being looking up the address on GIS.

Chairman Allgood said we should find out why the non-residents are coming to our facility, maybe through a survey. Is it because our programs are that good, or is it another reason?

If it is decided to implement a fee, it can be done through fee schedule as part of the budget process.

Chairman Allgood asked if the fee would automatically be charged every month. Some of the members that would be charged are not regulars that come every week. How members would be charged needs to be considered.

No action was needed on this item tonight.

7. Public Comment- Mayor Merritt said he is familiar with the members of the Senior Center and that some of the seniors vacation in Florida and are not at the Center every month. Some of the non-resident seniors gather at the Center to be social with their friends and some carpool with residents.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment – Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk