



## **Staff Report**

For City Council Meeting - 12/2/2020

### ***Subject - New Business - Pickleball Proposal***

**Synopsis:** At the October City Council meeting, the Council reviewed some correspondence from Wally Hamer of the North Coast Pickleball Association. Members of Council were very interested in Wally's comments and requested pickleball be officially placed on the November agenda. Mr. Hamer attended the meeting to elaborate and answer questions from Councilors, and hear feedback from the community during the visitors section. Staff was tasked with researching remaining pickleball funds should Council decide to pursue striping the west tennis court. A copy of Wally Hamer's original correspondence is attached along with a \$3100 quote to prepare, stripe, and stock the west tennis court with two more pickleball courts. (The court setup would be the exact same as the east court.)

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council the following options:

- Make a motion to approve adding two pickleball courts to the west tennis court per the attached quote;
- Allow time for more Parks Master Plan Committee feedback and/or make changes to the proposed project;
- Do nothing.

**Legal Analysis:** This is now the third public meeting where adding pickleball lines to the west tennis court has been discussed.

**Financial Analysis:** The pickleballers currently have \$3600 in funds they raised remaining.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Chad", written in a cursive style.

Chad

Gearhart City Council:


To whom it may concern:

First on behalf of all pickle ball players in this area we want to thank you for putting lines down and purchasing the roll away nets. It has worked very well and many locals as well as tourists have used the courts. Thanks to the financial support of the individual donor as well as the city of Gearhart we were able to make this fun, social, good exercise sport available to the public!

We have an issue though! The old adage of if you build them they will come has been born out! We have had days where we showed up and there was 25 pickle ball players waiting to play on two courts. Of course we were able to work it out but we all had to wait awhile to play. So, we are asking if you would consider adding two courts on the west side tennis court? Portable nets, with lines put down for two more courts would work great. This allows tennis to continue to play on both courts as well having two more pickle ball courts would help us with the days we have an overflow crowd.

I believe as we met the last time discussing pickle ball we talked about someday doing dedicated courts in Gearhart. I'm not sure if that has been discussed with the Parks Plan but dealing with all the people who enjoy playing would really be a great thing. Also, I believe there is still money that was donated to the city from the individual who helped with the first two courts. I want to thank you for your consideration in to this matter!

Sincerely,



Wally Hamer

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