

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2020-610 – Approving a Lease Agreement with Parkwood Tournament, LLC for various parks facilities.

MEETING DATE

October 19, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPT

Parks/Finance

ATTACHMENTS

CB 2020-610 Ordinance; Exhibit “A” Lease Agreement; Summary of Financial Impact; Parks Facilities Lease Agreement Presentation

REVIEWED BY

Department Head: Paul Bloomberg; Finance Director: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY

This Council Bill approves a lease agreement with Parkwood Tournament, LLC. for Joe Becker Baseball Stadium, Wendell Redden Stadium, Gabby Street Field and Bassman Softball Complex starting on February 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023. Bassman Softball Complex will only be leased Friday through Sunday during the lease term.

BACKGROUND

The City was recently approached by Parkwood Tournament LLC. with a proposal to lease various parks facilities thereby relieving the parks department of running concessions and certain facility maintenance requiring staff overtime. Currently, Joplin Sports Authority is given first rights to the facilities and reserves various dates. This group is a current user of the various park’s facilities. The tenant will be required to continue ongoing relationships with other facility users by renting to them on available dates.

The tenant will pay \$55,000.00 annually to lease the facilities, which will increase 3% in years two and three. Overall, the lease reduces direct costs in parks by approximately \$27,000.00 annually, while also allowing the Parks Department to re-allocate \$30,000 in seasonal staff wages to work on needed parks beautification.

The lease term is three years from February 1 through November 30 each year with an option to renew for one additional three-year time period. The City will have the right to terminate the lease at any time with six months’ notice or if an affiliated, independent or semi-professional team agrees to play at Joe Becker Stadium with one-year notice.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item will result in overall savings to the parks fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis in order to allow the tenant to schedule games and tournaments for 2021 and comply with the terms of the lease agreement.