



Proposed City of Canyon Family Aquatic Center

On Monday, August 17, 2015, the Canyon City Commission voted to call for a bond election. The purpose of the bond election is to allow the citizens of Canyon the opportunity to determine if the City should issue \$6 million in General Obligation Bonds for the construction of a family aquatic center. The proposed facility will replace the current swimming pool which was built in 1955.

What will be included in this facility?

Features that have been included in preliminary planning include:

- 7,590 square foot multiuse pool which includes water slides, a lazy river, zero entry area, and children's play piece
- Sprayground play area for small children
- 3,400 square foot, 25 yard/6 lane, competition pool with a one meter diving board
- Activities that could be offered in competition pool include; swimming lessons, swim team practice, lap swimming, swim meets, water basketball and a climbing wall
- 30' group pavilion for party rental and multiple 20' umbrellas throughout the facility
- 2,700 square foot building for changing rooms, concessions area, and pool operations space
- 120 car parking lot

Where can I see what the proposed facility will look like?

The City of Canyon website has a drawing of the proposed facility posted. You can see the drawing at: <http://www.canyontx.com/index.aspx?nid=393>.

Where will the proposed Family Aquatic Center be built?

The proposed site for this facility will be in Conner Park. The new facility will move to the southeast of the current pool.

If approved by the citizens, when would the new facility be completed?

A possible timeline could have the facility open for the summer of 2017.

How much would it cost to swim at the new facility?

The City Commission will ultimately set the rate, but an estimated rate would be \$7.

Will the operating expenses for the facility increase?

Yes, the operating expenses will increase significantly due to the size of the facility and the number of staff members that will be required to operate it during the summer, however, attendance and income are also estimated to increase significantly.

If approved, how will this affect my taxes?

The average home value in Canyon is \$133,500. If the bond election passes the estimated tax increase for a \$133,000 home would amount to approximately \$100/year.

However, if you have qualified for a tax freeze, you will see no increase in your property tax rate.

Voting Locations & Dates

Randall County Election Administration Office – 1604 5th Avenue, Canyon, TX
Randall County Annex – 4111 S. Georgia, Amarillo, TX

October 19-23	8 am – 5 pm	Early Voting
October 24	9 am – 3 pm	Early Voting
October 26-28	8 am – 5 pm	Early Voting
October 29-30	7 am – 7 pm	Early Voting
November 3	7 am – 7 pm	Election Day

Randall County Justice Center – 2309 Russell Long, Blvd., Canyon, TX
Region 16 Education Service Center – 5800 Bell Street, Amarillo, TX
Comanche Trail Church of Christ – 2700 E. 34th, Amarillo, TX

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The last day to register to vote or to make changes to your current registration to be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, October 5, 2015. The last day for a mail ballot application is October 23, 2015.

For additional election information related to voting go to: www.randallcounty.org/elections/general/default.htm or contact the Randall County election office at 468-5510.

For additional information related to the proposed Family Aquatic Center contact Jon Behrens at 655-5000.