

# Proposed Wahpeton Wellness & Recreation Center Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

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## MEETING INFORMATION:

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Date: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Time: 12:00-1:00 pm  
Location: Wahpeton City Hall

## ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a. *Meeting started at 12:03 pm*

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JAN 27TH MEETING

- a. *Motion by Michael K.; Second by Roger J.; Motion passes*

### 3. FACILITY OPERATIONS

- a. *Discussion started with an update on the next steps. The committee was asked how they felt about an April 29<sup>th</sup> vote date and discussion was held about the upcoming marketing and educational campaign and the amount of work to do. The marketing plan was explained and there was discussion about what events to attend and when to have a public forum. Motion to recommend to the Wahpeton City Council for an April 29<sup>th</sup> special election date for a 1% sales tax increase was introduced by Michael K.; second by Stacia H.. There was more discussion about information to be shared to the community. Motion passed.*
- b. *Brad E. presented an operational model he put together. He explained how he took Ballard King's operational budget and incorporated the existing Parks & Recreation budget to create efficiencies and explained how Parks & Rec would operate the building and what new employees they would need to add. He said he was conservative with his revenue numbers and heavy on expenses. He went in great detail on how the facility would operate and its costs.*

## Committee Members Present (x):

- Zach Hatting  
Wahpeton
- Amanda Fisher  
Wahpeton
- Michael Kaiser  
Wahpeton School District
- Stacia Henningsen (PHONE)  
Wahpeton
- Dr. Rod Flanigan  
NDSCS
- Roger Jensen  
Wahpeton Parks
- Brian Watson  
Wahpeton Parks
- Brad Edwardson  
Wahpeton Parks
- Kelly McNary  
Wahpeton
- Julie Rosenberg  
Wahpeton
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- Brett Lambrecht  
Mayor of Wahpeton
- Chris DeVries  
City of Wahpeton
- Dennis Miranowski  
City of Wahpeton
- Darcie Huwe  
City of Wahpeton

4. MARKETING & FUNDRAISING UPDATE

- a. *Was incorporated in conversations above. Fundraising update at next meeting.*

5. NEXT STEPS

- a. *Was incorporated in conversations above.*

6. ADJOURN

- a. *Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm*