



PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 15th, 2022

Almost 2 months ago the Boone City Council unanimously supported to have a study done on new funding options for a community Rec Center. This did not include franchise fees as was proposed and defeated in a March 2022 community vote.

City Council received the report on June 6th, 2022 with new options for funding a community recreation center along with cited goals of needed staffing and community wide youth/adult sports facility investments. To be perfectly clear, there is **NO FRANCHISE FEE** and **NO RAISING OF THE SALES TAX** as part of this proposal.

Council voted 6-1 to move forward with a public hearing on June 21st and a show of commitment towards this community project effort with benchmarks on private fundraising goals, grants and our partnerships at the county, state and federal levels that will need to be met before moving forward with any new formal design or issuing of any potential city bonds.

The City of Boone is aware of the rampant social media rumors and misinformation around the community regarding this project and we urge the public to contact their city elected officials directly for the facts to date.