

Rebuttal to the Argument against the bond

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- Harrisville City the “City” is working with their engineers to understand the capital needs of the City over the next 5 years. As part of our master plan the City understands that a recreation center may not be essential or affordable due to other more pressing projects. To plan efficiently we believe that the General Obligation Bond Election will help us understand what the residents of Harrisville City want and give them an opportunity to vote and decide. Giving the residents the opportunity to vote on this recreation center is the fairest way to understand the desire of all our residents.
- To save money the City has decided not to sink valuable City funds into project designs or architect renderings until we know the will of the residents. If residents decide not to vote for the bonds, this decision could save the residents hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs.
- If the bonds pass, the City will be able to move forward with their budgeted \$6MM dollars of authorization. The authorization for the bonds is good for up to 10 years, and the City believes they will have adequate time to plan and coordinate with residents on a recreation center before issuing any bonds.

The City will not be able to afford the recreation center unless the residents pass the GO bonds. A successful election will indicate that the residents want the City to move forward with this recreation project.