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**Item:** Wadsworth Park Leases  
**From:** Park & Recreation Department  
**Prepared By:** Patty Rearden, Deputy Park & Recreation Director  
**Presented By:** Marty Basta, Park & Recreation Director  
**Action Requested:** Conduct Public Hearing for Wadsworth Park Leases

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**Public Hearing:**

1. Mayor conducts public hearing, calling three times each for opponents and proponents.
2. Mayor closes public hearing and asks the will of the Commission.

**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (approve/deny) the leases for Wadsworth Park with the Great Falls Saddle Club, Electric City Archers and Missouri River Shooters.”

**(Approval requires a 4/5 majority.)**

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, and calls the vote.
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**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve leases for Wadsworth Park with the Great Falls Saddle Club, Electric City Archers and Missouri River Shooters.

**Background:**

As required by Title 3, Chapter ~~4~~ 4, OCCGF, before final consideration of lease of City Property, the City Commission shall hold a public hearing to receive comment regarding such a lease.

The Great Falls Saddle Club, Electric City Archers, and Missouri River Shooters have requested the City continue their leases for Wadsworth Park. The five year leases include an annual fee of \$375 for the Great Falls Saddle Club; \$150 for Electric City Archers; and \$180 for Missouri River Shooters. All leases are for a term of five years with an

automatic renewal for an additional five years at the City's sole discretion. Both the City and the Lessee have the option to terminate the lease with sixty (60) days written notice.

On December 1, 1998, the City Commission approved Resolution 8973, Wadsworth Park Master Plan. It was recommended at that time that "all existing leases continue in Wadsworth Park, renewable on a year to year basis, until the City is ready to begin actual physical implementation of the Master Plan." Currently there is no funding available for capital improvements in Wadsworth Park.

Prior to the completion of the Wadsworth Park Master Plan, the leases for use of Wadsworth Park were five (5) year leases. In 2000, those leases were all renewed on a year to year basis up to a maximum of five (5) years. In 2006, the City Commission approved two year leases with the above organizations, with an automatic two year renewal. Since there is no immediate identifiable funding source for improvements to Wadsworth Park, staff is recommending five year leases with a five year renewal option.

**Concurrences:**

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the leases at their regular meeting on February 8, 2010.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The annual lease payment will go to the General Fund.

**Alternatives:**

The alternatives would be to not approve the leases and require the groups to find other options to conduct their activities or to change the term of the leases.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

1. Great Falls Saddle Club Lease
2. Electric City Archers Lease
3. Missouri River Shooters Lease

(Attachments/Exhibits not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)