



City of Conrad  
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## City Council Meeting Agenda Request Form

Request Date:	2-5-26
Requestor Name:	LOWRANCE SWIM TEAM
Requestor Address:	
Phone #:	Hardy BROWN 406-570-6737
Meeting Date:	2-17-26
Will you Attend?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Agenda Topic:

REQUEST TO USE THE SWIMMING  
POOL FOR THE SWIM SEASON.

Council Decision

Meeting Date	
Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (e.g., no approval required) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):  
Signature of Council President	

February 3, 2026

Mayor Cates and Council:

The Conrad Swim Team would like to say THANK YOU for the use of the City Pool. We understand that it can be a headache for you, but we see the blessing that it is to so many kids and families. Our team has had a wonderful year, and we would like to give you a brief report. In the past, we have had many "senior swimmers" and even though we have a young team this year, they are strong and mighty! They have consistently been bringing home 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies! The kids are improving in athletic ability along with building strong character. Swim Team is so much more than a pool! It trains these kids to have excellent work ethic along with resilience & discipline in achieving goals. So, thank you for being a part of teaching our next generation these valuable life skills.

**We are requesting permission to use the city pool this year to support our Conrad Swim Team, along with hosting a meet June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to having an early meet this year we are requesting that the pool be open by May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

We have some concerns that we would like to address prior to going into this next year. As many of you know, Conrad is the #1 pick of our division to host meets because of our beautiful parks and spacious room around the pool for camping. Thank you to all city employees that work hard to make this space great. We have been proud to host year to year, and yet this year we experienced some negative feedback that we believe needs to be discussed. The number one issue is the lack of care for our pool. A major concern is peeling of paint in the pool. Many kids are cutting their feet because of loose pieces or sand debris that was left in the paint.

**We are requesting to help solve some of the "cosmetic" issues of the pool by asking if the families of the Conrad Swim Team could coordinate a volunteer workday with the city prior to the pool opening this season?** Preferably in April or the beginning of May. We could bring shop vacuums to vacuum the pool prior to repainting. We believe that this could help take some of the pressure off the city workers as well as give our families a way to give back to our community.

Next concern... the city requires all families to purchase a pool pass. This is an ongoing issue that we would like to simplify and resolve. 3 seasons ago, we had Kimberly as a pool manager on site at our registration to sell those passes to avoid the continuous issue of getting people to purchase pool passes. **We would like to request that you set the cost of pool passes by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 so we can add it to our registration form. We also request that the pool manager, city employee, or our swim team president be onsite to be available to sell passes so we can avoid chasing families down in the future.** We apologize that this is an issue year after year. We are open to other ideas of how to solve this problem if you have them.

We appreciate you taking the time to hear our successes as well as our concerns. We want to continue to have a good working relationship with the city in regard to the swim team, so we felt it was only appropriate that we come before you to give a report. We look forward to what the future holds for the kids in Conrad regarding employment as lifeguards, a safe surrounding for kids and most importantly learning a lifelong skill of safety with water to kids & families in the Conrad community.

Conrad Swim Team Board- Heidi Barney, President

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