

Crescent City pool slated to open April 12

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After being downgraded from the Purple Tier to Red Tier, Crescent City is wasting no time in working to reopen its pool.

During a City Council meeting Monday, the council heard the city is hoping to open the pool April 12 and started training lifeguards Monday.

When the pool is open, fees will remain the same, although the city will no longer sell the 50-punch pass that was popular in the past.

Recreation Director Holly Wendt said despite city costs rising, city staff felt it was best to leave fees alone.

“At this time, staff would like to recommend we don’t move forward with increasing fees during COVID,” Wendt said.

Wendt said the decision was in part because many people are hurting due to virus lockdowns but also because the city can’t open the pool for all functions. When it opens, the pool will not have open swim, no slide and the locker rooms will not be available.

Wendt said when the pool opens, the city would like to have only three options for passes – swim lessons, day passes and 10-punch passes. Anyone who has an unused 50-punch pass can still use it until it runs out, but no more will be offered for sale.

“This will really simplify the process for pool staff,” Wendt said.

With no price increases, day passes are \$5 for youth and seniors and \$5.50 for adults. The 10-punch pass will be sold for \$40 for youth and seniors and \$45 for adults.

Councilman Beau Smith questioned the prices, saying the city should consider higher fees to try to break even.

“It doesn’t seem like we’re charging enough money for the individual lessons,” he said. “That’s just me personally.”

Wendt explained the pool would likely never break even, especially with the minimum wage rising to \$15 an hour in 2022.

“Running a municipal pool, it’s never going to break even,” she said. “There’s always going to be a cost.”

City Manager Eric Weir said the council would have an opportunity to look at increasing the prices during the budget session, if it wanted to.

“Our pool is a very nice pool, and the city’s done a nice job maintaining the pool,” Smith said. “I know it’s a very hot topic. The public really wants the pool back.”

After discussing the issue, the council voted unanimously to keep the prices the same, for now.

“I just want to thank Miss Wendt and her staff for all the hard work,” Mayor Jason Greenough said. “These are trying times.”