Weatherford City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	January 27, 2026	**Staff Contact:**	Jaycob Kirkpatrick, Director Parks, Recreation and Special Events
Item Number:	2025-688-AR	**Phone:**	817.598.4248

SUBJECT: Consider renewal of the youth association user agreements with Weatherford Baseball Softball Association, Weatherford Soccer Association, and Weatherford Youth Association.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The City of Weatherford maintains user group agreements with three youth sports organizations: the Weatherford Soccer Association (WSA), Weatherford Youth Association (WYA), and the Weatherford Baseball Softball Association (WBSA). Each of these agreements is currently up for renewal.

The purpose of these agreements is to define responsibilities, maintenance expectations, and operational standards for the use of City-owned athletic facilities by each association. These partnerships have played a vital role in the upkeep, improvement, and successful operation of the City's youth sports facilities.

Staff is requesting City Council approval to renew the existing user group agreements with WSA, WYA, and WBSA. The only major change proposed in the renewed agreements is an extension of the agreement term to ten (10) years. This change is necessary to meet current grant requirements, which mandate a minimum ten-year agreement for eligibility to apply for grant funding intended to improve athletic facilities. Approval of these extended terms will allow the associations and the City to pursue future grant opportunities that enhance parks and sports infrastructure.

Each association has demonstrated strong stewardship of their designated facilities over the past several years and has met or exceeded the requirements outlined in their respective agreements. Revenue generated from youth association participant fees is intended for use at each association's designated location of use, in accordance with the most current Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the terms of the user group agreements.

Recent examples of improvements funded through a combination of participant fees, association contributions and City funds include:

- Installation of new artificial turf infields on three baseball/softball fields
- Replacement of irrigation systems on two baseball fields

- Extensive paint and facility improvements at the Soldier Spring Baseball Softball Complex
- Addition of a new full-size soccer field at Cartwright Park
- Refurbishment of all existing soccer fields and a complete rebuild of the irrigation system at the Cartwright Park Soccer Complex

These improvements reflect the commitment to maintaining high-quality, safe, and functional facilities for the community.

For reference, below are the annual user fees collected per association since 2020.

- Weatherford Soccer Association: $53,251.25
- Weatherford Baseball Softball Association: $51,289.82
- Weatherford Youth Association: $8,380 (This association is much smaller and only has one season per year.)

Renewing the user group agreements will strengthen the City's partnerships with its youth sports organizations, support long-term planning, and position the City and associations to pursue grant funding for continued facility enhancements. All three user groups and City staff have reviewed the updated agreements and recommend approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Revenue from the youth association's participant fees shall be intended for use at each association's designated location of use in accordance and within compliance of the most current Parks and Open Space Master Plan.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS

- WSA-Standard Agreement-2026
- 2026 WYA Standard Agreement
- 2026 WLL Standard Agreement