

**MINUTES
JENKS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020, 6:00 P.M.
JENKS CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 211 NORTH ELM**

The Agenda for the Jenks City Council was posted in City Hall and on the City's website at 2:20 p.m. on December 31, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the above date with Mayor Robert Lee presiding. A roll call vote of members was taken as follows:

Dawn Dyke	Present
Donna Ogez	Present
Kaye Lynn	Present
Craig Murray	Present
Gary Isbell	Present
Cory Box	Present
Mayor Robert Lee	Present

Invocation was given by Pastor Sean Farver with Kirk Crossing.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen comments

Business

1. Consideration and appropriate action relating to a request for approval of the Consent Agenda. (All matters listed under "Consent" are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Councilor may, however, remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda is non-debatable.)
 - A. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2019
 - B. Approve Encumbrances and Expenditures
 - C. Monthly Reports
 - D. Request by the Kibo Group, to use Jenks streets for a Run to the Well event on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - E. Request by RunnersWorld Racing, to use Jenks streets for a Tulsa Area Triathletes Spring Fever Triathlon event on Sunday, April 19, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - F. Request to note in the minutes Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit Number SL000072190838 for the construction of 4,128 linear feet of eight (8) inch PVC sanitary sewer line, 340 LF of 10" inch PVC sanitary sewer line, and all appurtenances to serve the Tulsa Premium Outlets, Jenks, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

- G. Request to note in the minutes Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Permit Number WL000072190839 for the construction of 2,788 linear feet of twelve (12) inch PVC water line, 5,385 Linear feet of ten (10) inch PVC water line, and all appurtenances to serve the Tulsa Premium Outlets, Jenks, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
- H. Request to enter into an Agreement between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Jenks concerning the installation of a sanitary forcemain crossing underneath the Union Pacific Railroad. This sanitary forcemain will connect the Simon Premium Outlets to City of Jenks infrastructure. General location: South of the intersection of River District Drive and 1st Street

Cory Box made a motion to approve Item 1. Dawn Dyke seconded the motion. A roll call vote of members was taken as follow:

Dawn Dyke	Yes
Donna Ogez	Yes
Kaye Lynn	Yes
Craig Murray	Yes
Gary Isbell	Yes
Cory Box	Yes
Mayor Robert Lee	Yes

Motion Carried.

2. Consideration and appropriate action relating to items removed from the Consent Agenda. Withdrawn
3. Request to approve the Project Agreement for 111th Street (US 75 to Elwood Ave) and the 111th Street and Elwood Ave intersection improvement project J/P 25212(04) with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), the supporting Resolution No. 688, authorization to pay the invoice for construction costs to ODOT, and authorize the Mayor to execute the document; funding in the amount of \$1,058,000 from the 2010 and 2013 bonds (account 24-862-5393 and 32-862-5393) has been previously encumbered, \$65,763 is already deposited with ODOT, and additional funding in the amount of \$708,712 is requested to be encumbered from the 2010 Bond account 24-862-5393. City Engineer Chris Robinson presented the history of the project, funding, and design of 111th Street from Hwy 75 to Elwood Ave and the 111th Street and Elwood intersection.

Dawn Dyke made a motion to approve Item 3. Donna Ogez seconded the motion. A roll call vote of members was taken as follow:

Dawn Dyke	Yes
Donna Ogez	Yes
Kaye Lynn	Yes
Craig Murray	Yes
Gary Isbell	Yes
Cory Box	Yes
Mayor Robert Lee	Yes

Motion Carried.

4. Request to approve Resolution No. 689, a resolution amending the annual appropriations by \$708,712.00 from the 2010 G.O. Bond Fund Balance to account 24-862-5393 due to the project agreement with ODOT for 111th Street (US 75 to Elwood Ave) and the 111th Street and Elwood Ave intersection.

Craig Murray made a motion to approve Item 4. Cory Box seconded the motion. A roll call vote of members was taken as follow:

Dawn Dyke	Yes
Donna Ogez	Yes
Kaye Lynn	Yes
Craig Murray	Yes
Gary Isbell	Yes
Cory Box	Yes
Mayor Robert Lee	Yes

Motion Carried.

5. Discuss potential capital projects and available funding sources. Assistant City Manager Robert Carr presented a summary of various capital projects with the current funding sources, if applicable, and answered questions regarding said projects. Mayor stated that the goal is to put a G.O. Bond Package on the April ballot, which means a resolution will have to be approved at the February 4, 2020 meeting.

Edward Phillips, 13422 S 19th Ct, gave Council an updated informational document regarding the need for a Jenks Adult Activity Center (JAAC) and asked that it be included in the official record (Attachment A).

Keith Montgomery, 10612 S Fir Ave, agrees that engineering should be done upfront and encourages Council to pursue the engineering plans without fear of the project not being completed.

Bill Rodgers, 705 E 119th St S, states that he believes that Jenks has done a great job for multiple age groups throughout the years with various projects and the only thing missing is a Senior Center. He also mentioned that while the average age of citizens living in Jenks is 33-35 years old, the average age of a voter is 72 years old. He also stated that the Seniors is only asking for a shell of a building and they will furnish and purchase equipment using grant funds.

Some discussion was held regarding the price per square foot on the proposed Senior Center.

Murray Powers states that the heating and air conditioning required for that size of building would be around \$200,000 to \$300,000 alone.

Mayor asked Council to be prepared to have the project list narrowed down by the next meeting so a resolution can be prepared for the following meeting.

Other Business

1. City Manager's Report. City Manager Chis Shrout stated that the report was included in the agenda packet and mentioned several upcoming events.

Adjournment. Cory Box made a motion to adjourn. Craig Murray seconded the motion. A roll call vote of members was taken as follow:

Dawn Dyke	Yes
Donna Ogez	Yes
Kaye Lynn	Yes
Craig Murray	Yes
Gary Isbell	Yes
Cory Box	Yes
Mayor Robert Lee	Yes

Motion Carried. The Jenks City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Robert Lee, **MAYOR**



Brittany Long, **CITY CLERK**

Jenks Adult Activity Center FAQ's

JAAC

"Empowering and enhancing the quality of life of adults as they age in our community."

Extended Version

Why Is a Jenks Adult Activity Center (JAAC) Required?

- What do you think of when someone says the words Jenks Adult Activity or senior Center? Do you picture older people (much older than you, of course) sitting around playing bingo and shuffleboard? Eating bland meals while a television is blaring?

Response: Time to update your vision! Senior or Boomer centers are not what they used to be. Today's senior center is a vibrant, action-packed combination of local volunteering headquarters, transportation hub, and tasty dining locale. Senior centers don't just offer card games. Sure, cards are available (and fun and challenging). But the Jenks Adult Activity Center will offer far more than that—everything from trips and special events to fine arts and crafts, music and dance, lifelong learning, and fitness and health programs. Research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and quality of life satisfaction, and are able to live at home longer.

- What is the Mission Statement of the Jenks Adult Activity Center?

Response: To Empower and Enhance the Quality of Life of People as They Age

- How will the Jenks Adult Activity Center be Organized?

Response: Action is underway to modify an existing Nonprofit 501 c (7) to a Nonprofit 501 c (3) organization that will receive certain federal, state and local tax benefits as well as qualified donors and grantors. The 501 c (3) will be run by a multi-member Board and the Center will have a small staff of full time and part time employees running the day to day activities.

- What's Wrong with the Facilities that Serve the Current Senior's Group?

Response:

Many of the following programs and activities cannot be conducted due to the very limited space and scheduling use two days scheduled per week in the 1st Floor Community Room at Jenks City Hall.

The City Hall Community Room currently utilized will only accommodate approximately 90 persons with a current group membership of 175. The demand for services and programs outstripped the Community Room's physical and

operational capacity several years ago. Seniors are being turned away from popular programs due to space restrictions. With completion of the larger JAAC facility, membership is expected to surge to 500.

- **Why does the Jenks Adult Activity Center need to be larger and sooner Than later?**

The use of the Community Room has increased regularly due to the steady growth of Jenks's senior population, greater need for assistance and increased interest in programs offered. Office space is not available. There is a need for staff to provide private consultation for taxes, fuel assistance, legal issues, health insurance counseling and wellness clinics. There is extremely limited space for seniors to congregate before or after programs. These issues will only be exacerbated by the continued growth of the senior population in town.

In addition, Jenks is growing at an accelerated rate which will increase City staff demand for office and other functions in the City Hall Community Room, building and parking areas.

- **How much space is required to meet Jenks Adult Activity Center needs?**

Response: 10,000 to 12,000 square feet will be needed to accommodate near future needs. The design and site plan will allow for longer-term future expansion.

- **What input have we received from the seniors in town?**

Response: Groups have met to discuss the best means to address the needs of this underserved population. Committee members and volunteers have visited centers in the surrounding area to see how other towns provide these needed services.

The rough draft of the new building floor plan and proposal were presented to seniors and the public at a standing room town hall meeting 11/2/2019 with very favorable reactions.

- **Are we considering combining it with a Community Center or trying to use the current Jenks/Glenpool Community Center at Elm-Peoria and 137th St?**

Response: Jenks taxpayers have already contributed to the current large South Tulsa County Recreation Center with community meeting areas located at 13800 S. Peoria Ave. as well as the Hive building located in downtown Jenks.

The South County Recreation Center shared by Jenks and Glenpool has an outdoor zero-entry pool, full-sized basketball court, three meeting rooms, a game room and fitness center. Activities and programs are available year-round for all ages particularly oriented towards youth and families.

Combining an Adult/Senior Activity Center with a Youth Center may appear to be more efficient space management. However, this would not be effective in actual practice due to large differences in management and dedicated space requirements as well as scheduling conflicts.

- **Have we thought about using one of the other existing City of Jenks buildings for the Jenks Adult Activities Center?**

Response: There are currently no City of Jenks owned buildings that could provide the needed space or facilities. All of the existing facilities have multiple uses that would not allow the needed activities to occur on a regular basis.

- **Why don't we "regionalize" this with another surrounding city?**

Response: We have discussed regionalization with neighboring communities without success for several reasons such as lack of interest, the loss of a sense of the senior community, and the additional distance to travel to the Senior Center.

- **What is the Member Health Policy?**

Response: Members of the Jenks Adult Activity Center must be able to take care of their own personal and health needs. Caregivers are welcome to accompany members and will be solely responsible for the health and well-being of that member. The Board reserves the right to terminate a JAAC membership after three incidents that involve emergency personnel, or the incidents interfere with the daily activities of the membership or the Coordinator, or if the incidents create an unsafe situation for the membership.

- **Is There Anything Like Jenks Adult Activity Center, Currently in Operation in Tulsa County?**

Response: Yes. Broken Arrow currently supports a 20,000 square foot center with activities and facilities resembling those proposed with JAAC. The BA Center has been hugely successful. In 2018, 62% of Broken Arrow voters passed a \$4.8 million-dollar bond to build an additional 30,000+ square foot facility across the street from the current center to further expand their activities. The BA center has over 50 programs and activities weekly and 2019 membership has swelled to 2,800 persons. (Broken Arrow has an approximate population of 112,000, five times larger than Jenks). The City of Broken Arrow does provide some limited operating cost support but the majority of the programs are self-funded, either by dues or donations.

- **How does this plan relate to the new Horizon Jenks comprehensive plan under development?**

Response: A requirement for a new Adult/Senior Activity Center has been previously identified. *A response will be developed after reviewing the final Jenks Horizon report.*

What Are the Number of Jenks and Nearby Seniors and Demographics?

- **What are the Estimated Near-Term Growths of Age 55 Plus and 65 Plus Populations *Within the Jenks City Limits*?**

Response:

- The Jenks 2019 population will increase from 22,386 to approximately 26,444 by 2024.
- The Age 55+ population will increase 1,360 from 5,368 in 2019 to 6,728 in 2024.
- The Age 65+ population will increase 1,073 from 2,889 in 2019 to 3,962 in 2024 resulting in a 37 percent increase.
- If only 10 percent of the 1,360 new Jenks Age 55 Plus residents within the city limits join the Jenks Adult Activity Center (JAAC), the membership demands will increase almost 76 percent from 178 in 2019 to over 314 in 2024 **ONLY** four years away!
- The Age 55 Plus populations and JAAC members are expected to increase dramatically by 2030 and 2050 within the Jenks city limits and in adjacent ZIP Code areas.
- Notes:
 - Data Source: Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG) 12/2019.
 - Zip Code boundaries do not coincide with actual city boundaries, so population comparisons often do not match.

- **Who will use the New Jenks Adult Activity Center?**

Response: the new Jenks Adult Activity Center will result in an immediate increase in the number of people able to use the Senior Center. From discussions with other towns that have built new Adult/Senior Centers, we have found that there is typically a significant increase in usage once the new center is constructed.

According to the National Council on Aging;

- Approximately 70% of senior center participants are women; half of them live alone.
- Compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction.
- 75% of participants visit their center 1 to 3 times per week. They spend an average of 3.3 hours per visit.

- **What are the demographic projections for seniors?**

Response: Most of the public particularly younger people less than 50 realize the population and economic shift that will take place. ***Truly a Tsunami Wave!***

By 2030 seniors will outnumber youth in U.S.... The year 2030 marks an important demographic turning point in U.S. history according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2017 National Population Projections. By 2030, all baby boomers will be

older than age 65. This will expand the size of the older population so that 1 in every 5 residents will be retirement age.

- **What Are the Senior Populations Within and Close to Jenks, Oklahoma That May Participate in Jenks Adult Center Activities?**

Notes:

- Data Source: AARP Oklahoma data September 2019.
- Zip Code boundaries do not coincide with actual city boundaries, so population data comparisons often do not match.
- City of Jenks taxpayers help fund the Jenks Adult Action Center.
- Jenks Adult Action Center members and participants residing outside the City of Jenks will pay extra for participation in many activities.
- Area Zip Code populations and demographics are commonly used by new Jenks businesses. Simon's Premium Outlet Mall and other businesses used Jenks and adjacent area populations to justify their major investments and estimated future customers and revenue.

Responses:

Populations by Adjacent Zip Code

Adjacent Zip Code	City	Total Population	Population Age 50+	Population Age 65+
74037	Jenks	21,018	6,338	2,621
74132	Tulsa, NW of Jenks	9,288	3,356	1,624
74137	Tulsa, East of Jenks	27,778	11,779	5,377
74171	Tulsa, East of Jenks	1,525	178	117
Totals		59,609	21,651	9,739

Populations by Distance from Jenks Percentages

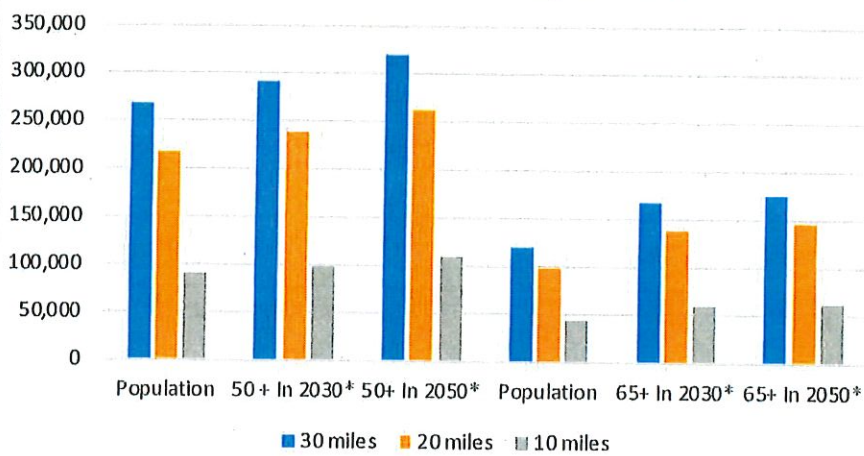
Radius from Jenks	Population 50+	Percent Population 50+	Population 65+	Percent Population 65+
30 miles	266,493	33%	119,731	15%
20 miles	218,231	33%	98,715	15%
10 miles	90,565	36%	42,868	17%

Populations by Distance from Jenks In 2030 and 2050

* Based on statewide estimates for population growth

Radius from Jenks	Population 50+	50+ In 2030*	50+ In 2050*	Population 65+	65+ In 2030*	65+ In 2050*
30 miles	266,493	290,477	319,792	119,731	167,623	176,005
20 miles	218,231	237,904	261,913	98,715	138,201	145,111
10 miles	90,565	98,716	108,678	42,868	60,015	63,016

Distance From Jenks Populations



U.S. Population Predictions for Seniors and Children

Population values in millions

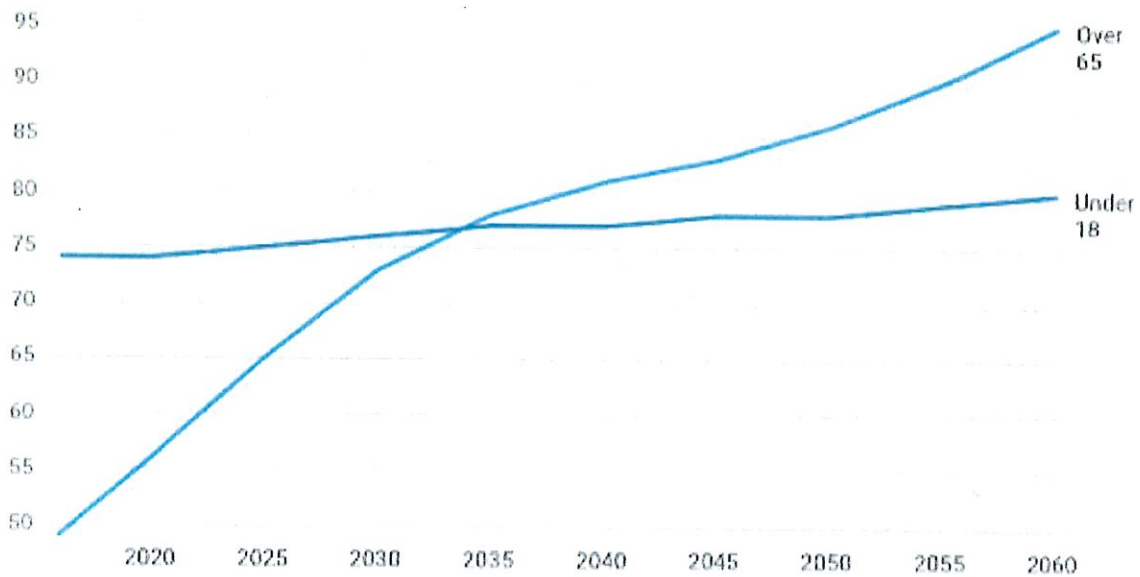


Chart: U.S. News & World Report • Source: U.S. Census Bureau • [Get the data](#)

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What Programs Will the Jenks Adult Activity Center Offer?

- **What programs are likely to be offered at the Jenks Adult Activities Center?**

Response:

- Many of the following needed programs and activities cannot be conducted presently due to the very limited space and scheduling use in the 1st Floor Community Room at Jenks City Hall.
- Low Impact Exercises, Speakers/Classes, Health and Wellness Information, Meals and Nutrition Programs, Card & Board Games, Art & Crafts, Educational Offerings, Topics and Events, Computers/Internet/Wi-Fi, Library/Reading Room, TV/Sports, Music, Line/Square Dancing, Pool Tables, Pickleball, and External Transportation to/from Center, Trips, and Tours.

- **What programs are Jenks currently offering at City Hall?**

Response:

- Card & Board Games, Speakers, Special Speakers and Events, Painting Classes, External Transportation to/from City Hall Community Room, Trips, and Tours. As previously outlined, the demand for programs far exceed existing City Hall Community Room limitations.

What Are the Jenks Adult Activity Center and Senior Benefits?

- **What is the benefit to the overall community of having a Jenks Adult Activities Center?**

Responses: Active older adults have better ties to the community, spend money in the community, vote, and generate tax revenues. The Jenks Adult Activity Center increases the quality of life, gives the aging population a purpose, and it provides a place to meet other seniors, especially those leaving their homes and moving here to be with families. They are also seeking to volunteer and use their life experience to give back to the community.

Having an attractive, active Jenks Adult activity Center will keep current 55+ adults active and involved in the community, plus bring in additional business and tax revenue in the form of seniors from surrounding communities. Jenks is a destination city, the seniors need to be included, and are the new wave population.

- **What are the Benefits of an Adult Activity Center for Small Communities?**

Response:

- Life in smaller communities offers many benefits: clean air, little traffic, low crime rates, and a slow pace. To boost their economies and revitalize their communities, many smaller communities throughout the US are investing in some form of Adult Activity Centers.

- **Activity Centers Promote an Active and Healthy Community**
 Maintaining an active lifestyle is a fundamental aspect of a happy and healthy life. Walking clubs, educational classes, exercise & fitness programs, arts and crafts classes, various board games, billiards, social activities such as dance instruction/events, volunteer opportunities, pickleball, meal programs, various cultural activities are examples made available through activity centers and their partner civic organizations. An activity facility helps to develop a culture of physical wellbeing, mental health, and nutritional education. With intelligent programming and effective community outreach, an activity center can be a central component to enact change at the community level. Once again, there is little to no cost associated with participation in these programs, which is a significant benefit for those living on a fixed income.
- **Boosts the Local Economy**
 It may be surprising to some, but adult activity centers can boost a small community's economy. Active adults spend dollars in the communities. When an activity center serves to attract people from neighboring communities to your community, they are likely to bring money to local restaurants, small retail businesses, grocery stores, and main shopping centers. For smaller communities, a small economic boost can have a huge impact.
- **Provides a Meeting Space**
 Outside of town halls and churches, many small communities do not have available public meeting/activity space for seniors. Whether it be a group senior event and activity, a club meeting, a special family event, an educational program, a senior meal program or a fundraiser, an innovative/flexible facility provides a convenient/functional place to gather. By having a senior meeting venue can increase community involvement and revitalize your town's social scene.
- **Adult Activity Centers Increase Property Values**
 By providing a convenient, popular and affordable meeting space destination for cultural, social, fitness and athletic activities, efficiently operated adult activity centers make the community more attractive. Older wealthy families/individuals are more likely to move to a city that features a thriving adult activity facility. Property values are likely to be higher in an area where there is an adult activity center offering exciting activities and compelling programs.

Adult Activity Centers serve as a gateway to the nation's aging network—connecting older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy, socially engaged and independent. The adult activity center is a place where adults can meet others, gain information, receive services, and participate

in a variety of activities. An Adult Activity Facility provides the over 50-year-old citizens with programs that fosters independence, dignity, community involvement, recreation, self-help, companionship, personal growth and wellness. More than 60% of senior centers are designated focal points for delivery of Older American Act (OAA) services—allowing older adults to access multiple services in one place.

- **What are some of the Additional Senior Center Benefits and Impacts?**

Response: According to the National Council of Aging, research shows that compared with their peers, senior center participants have higher levels of health, social interaction, and life satisfaction. Research also shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being.

Senior centers are designated as community focal points that not only provide helpful resources to older adults but serve the entire community with information on aging; support for family caregivers, training professionals and students; and development of innovative approaches to aging issues such as loneliness. Social isolation and loneliness are among top concerns for older adults. Feelings of loneliness are linked to health concerns including depression and cognitive decline, and unfortunately, health issues that many seniors experience like mobility challenges or hearing loss can exacerbate loneliness. In fact, research shows that loneliness is just as unhealthy as smoking 15 cigarettes per day.

This is a vicious cycle all too many older adults are experiencing – the National Poll on Healthy Aging found and one in three older adults say they lack regular companionship. Findings from a recent survey support this – with 52% of older adults ages 65+ experience feelings of loneliness a few times a year, 14% reported once a week, and **21% feel lonely every day**. AARP reports that Social isolation among midlife and older adults is associated with an estimated \$6.7 billion in additional Medicare spending annually.

- **What is the Value of Older Adults?**

Response:

- Older adults have a lot of wisdom and experience to share
- Older adults are often the first to volunteer for numerous city and area nonprofit organizations and groups, e.g. many charities, schools, churches.
- The majority of town Boards and Committees have senior participants
- Older adults are city, county and school taxpayers and voters
- Older adults contribute to the local economy
- Older adults have been there for you. Don't keep them waiting!
- Older adults care about the town.
- They need an Adult Activity Center!

What are the Financial Considerations?

- **How will Jenks Adult Activity Center (JAAC) be funded and what are the funds needed to build the facility?**

Response: \$3.5 million will be requested through a General Obligation ("GO") Bond. The GO Bond for JAAC will seek approval from the City Council the first week of February 2020 and then go to the voters for approval on April 7, 2020. Once approved, completion will take 3-5 years.

- **What impact will this have on my taxes?**

Response: GO Bonds are not a sales tax. They are a levy on property values. A \$3.5 million, 20 year GO Bond for JAAC, translates to an average annual mil rate of .24, or \$2.40 dollar per \$1,000 of taxable property value. The fair cash value of a \$100,000 property would increase yearly taxes by \$24.00; a \$300,000 property value = \$72.00/yr.

- **What financial support and services does the City of Jenks currently provide to the senior center, and will this change if the GO Bond for JAAC is passed?**

Response: The City of Jenks and the Jenks Senior Citizens currently have an agreement that the City provides a Community Room for senior activities and programs; a transportation van; a part-time coordinator; and a cook twice weekly. They graciously help with a sundry of other miscellaneous goods, furniture, equipment, and supplies. Presently, it is unknown as to how this agreement will be restructured. If JAAC is passed by voters this agreement will need to be renegotiated by the parties. By using a non-profit 501(c)3 status, the JAAC can apply for grants through Federal, State, Regional, and Local agencies, programs, and foundations to offset some of these expenses. We also expect a wide variety of tax-deductible donations for goods such as furniture, equipment, and supplies.

- **What Is the Current Tax Investment in Jenks Schools Compared to the Current Jenks Senior Center?**

Response:

About 75% of every property tax dollar is allocated for schools, 10% to fund county operations, with the remaining percentage distributed to other public entities and publicly supported projects as authorized by the voters --Tulsa County Assessor Website

Presently, there are no property tax dollars allocated to any adult activity center in Jenks, or within a 10-mile radius. *The 50+ age group represent 41% of area population with zero property tax investments specifically supporting this group.*

- **Will the Jenks Adult Activities Center be eligible for tax deductions and grants?**

Response:

- Action is underway to change from a Nonprofit 501 c (7) to a Nonprofit 501 c (3) organization.

- 501(c)(3) nonprofits have many more provisions and purposes than other entities.
 - First, it is exempt from federal taxes. If you are eligible at the federal level, you may be eligible for exemption from state taxes. The other major provision is that donations may be tax deductible. If you have to pay state taxes, donations to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit may also be deductible from your state taxes, depending on your state's laws. Also, the post office offers special bulk rate postage discounts for nonprofit organizations.
 - A 501(c)(3) nonprofit may also be eligible for private and public grants. When you become a nonprofit exempt under Section 501(c)(3), you may also solicit charitable donations from the public. Often, government agencies and foundations will limit their charitable contributions to public entities.
- **Will the Jenks Adult Activities Center apply for grants or donations to fund this project and develop and operate programs in the center?**
Response: Using a non-profit 501(c)3 status, the JAAC will apply for grants through Federal, State, Regional, and Local agencies, programs, and foundations as well as donations.
 - **Why is it important financially for seniors (and their children) to be able to stay at home instead of going to Assisted Living or a Long-Term Care Nursing Home?**
Response:
 - Research shows that older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, quality of life, and economic well-being.
 - Assisted Living and Long-Term Care in a nursing home costs \$4,000 to \$8,000 or more per month resulting in annual costs from \$48,000 to \$96,000 or more.
 - Living at home in a house or apartment is considerably less expensive even with some home care assistance.
 - *Medicare normally does not pay for Assisted Living or a Long-Term Care Nursing Home.*
 - Many family caregivers and seniors think these Long-Term Care Nursing Home costs will be taken care of by Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that provides medical assistance to impoverished people. When it comes to long-term care, this public assistance program does pay for the largest share of these services, *but only if a senior meets strict financial and functional requirements.*
 - Additionally, a Medicaid applicant must: Be age 65 or older; OR Have a permanent disability as defined by the Social Security Administration; OR Be blind.
 - Long Term Care insurance is often limited to only two or three years with expensive premiums increasing rapidly.