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Dan Moreland
Starkville Park Commission
P.O. Box 1250
Starkville, MS 39760

Dear Dan,

As of August 31, 2014 the financial situation of the Parks Commission is, in my opinion, critical to say the least. The checking account balance is \$21,974.76. Bills due now are City of Starkville for health insurance- \$4,925.48, PERS- \$6,439.75, miscellaneous insurance and garnishments - \$1,818.41. Payroll and payroll tax deposit payable September 5th will be \$19,277.35. Payroll due September 19th will be approximately \$18,500.00. The electric bill should be around \$28,000.00. These bare necessity bills total \$78,960.99. This leaves us \$56,986.23 short for the month of September since we have already received Septembers check from the city on August 20th. There was enough money in the bank to pay September 5th payroll, payroll taxes and the miscellaneous insurance and garnishments. The health insurance reimbursement to the city and PERS have not been paid yet. I will pay PERS as soon as there is enough money in the bank.

Sincerely,



John McMurray, Jr., CPA

Mr. Dan Moreland, Chairman
Starkville Parks and Recreation
405 Lynn Lane
Starkville, MS 39759

September 10, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
101 Lampkin Street
Starkville, MS 39759

Dear Mayor and Board:

As you know, I have been associated with the Starkville Parks and Recreation since 1966 and during those early days, we had very limited facilities in fact, Sudduth Field was the only girls' facility. We are proud to have added numerous facilities to Parks and Recreation since 1966 and we continue to grow.

Currently, some of the activities and updates we offer at our facilities are inline skating, dog parks, a soccer pavilion, a splash pad, several outdoor basketball courts, updates to the Needmore Center and the addition of the Sportsplex.

The usage of the Parks and Recreation has skyrocketed and with increased usage comes an increase in expenses. In 2010, the Sportsplex was built which added a tremendous amount of expense; rather than increase operational funding for Parks and Recreation, funding was cut by five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per month from seventy five thousand seven hundred eighty three dollars and seventy five cents (\$75,783.75) to seventy thousand three hundred sixty six dollars and sixty five cents (\$70,366.67) this cut in funding occurred at a time when it should have been increased which has resulted in a decrease of over two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00) over the past four years. This decrease in funding has put Parks and Recreation in a financial bind. The funding that we currently receive is barely enough to cover utilities and payroll each month.

Fortunately, we received two very generous donations. We received seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Coca Cola Company which we utilized to help build the splash pad. In addition, we received one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from Travis Outlaw which was utilized for utilities and facility operations.

Currently, Parks and Recreation is operating in the red at approximately ten thousand dollars per month (\$10,000.00). To my knowledge, the Starkville Parks and Recreation is the only Park that pays for its' own utilities.

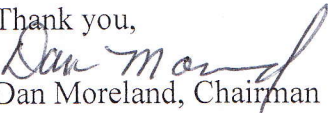
As a result of the cuts in funding Parks and Recreation is currently operating with three full-time and part-time employees short. We cannot afford to replace these employees which decrease our level of service.

Enclosed are a few supporting documents from our Certified Public Account which, as you will read, reflects the results of the decreased funding by the City.

We are respectfully requesting that funding to the budget of the Starkville parks and Recreation be restored or increased to a level that will allow us to adequately staff and fund operations.

So many of our citizens enjoy these facilities and would benefit from your assistance.

Thank you,


Dan Moreland, Chairman
Starkville Parks and Recreations

Enclosures

Money From City Hall

2010	\$75,783.75
2011	\$70,366.67
2012	\$70,366.67
2013	\$70,366.67
2014	\$78,366.67