

- Whatever it takes to keep it running if we don't get a new pool.
- Build a spray park and new bath house now. #17 What is it now? #19 Just maintenance to existing pool
- Add waterslide
- Could you take out one diving board and still put in the slide? Additional investments in the pool may be needed for fixing, but not at too high of an investment.
- I am in full support of a new bathhouse but I think we should skip the spray park and save for a new pool or add a water slide. I can only see problems with a spray park. I also think you should leave the diving boards and put up a free standing waterslide like the one at the outdoor pool in Madison.
- Don't waste any money on improvements. And build the aquatic center. It will help Salem gain citizens.
- Just do maintenance as needed to the existing pool. Build a new pool the right way sooner than later.
- I am in favor of building a spray park and then build a pool/facility. I am not sure about heating the pool if the use stays the same. (May - August) Are there benefits to an outdoor heated pool? I am very concerned that admission be affordable for everyone! I think that an aquatic facility would draw people from a large area. Lots of people travel to Huron, Sioux Falls just to spend a day swimming. Maybe a reduced rate for locals and another rate for visitors. Not sure how to do it, but I am excited for a new facilities.
- Investing in a spray park is not a good investment.
- The money you are talking of spending is crazy for something used a few months of the year. We have a new school to pay for now. 2.5 Million for an aquatic center????..I hope you are not serious.
- I feel that we just need to have a new bathhouse and pool that is heated. I have kids and myself that don't like to go into a pool that is freezing. I think if we have a spray park kids will ruin it because they have no respect for anything and parents aren't usually paying attention to their kids.
- Kids should be asked their most desired facility/needs- swimming pool, parks, running trail around city, Frisbee course, volleyball pits etc. Adults should be asked about needs for walking trail etc. to serve senior wellness needs.
- no spray park needed
- In my opinion heating the pool should be the first thing completed.
- A pool is very important, I have many good memories of our pool and spent a lot of time there every summer from age 2-18 years old. My children spent a lot of time at our pool and now I have grandchildren and I am sure they will spend a lot of time there too. We need a new pool, put the spray park on hold. Put the spray park in only if we can afford it. Thanks for all your hard work in putting this survey together.
- The pool is an investment for the kids of this community. A water slide would be nice, however not at the loss of the diving board. There are just too many kids that enjoy the use of it. (diving board)
- I would like to see some sort of improvement, but within reason. The kids need to have a fun safe pool.
- Too bad we can't get someone to give us a facility similar to Madison, SD. A year round facility like that would service many local communities.
- I do not support a rate increase beyond \$10 due to the amount of days the pool has not been open in the recent past. I want to see real progress before investing. I suggest \$750,000 investment threshold only because you seem bound and determined to continue using the same old facility. \$750,000 provides for \$50,000 annually which should be more than ample for the time being. Frankly I believe the new liner was putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound, A huge investment in a facility that was already outlived its usefulness. It's time to move onto the future, and future is now. I support new additions but minimal investment in the old pool. Start simple and work your way up just don't stop progressing.

- New pool no spray park. We need new pool & bath house. I have been to too many places where no one is really using the spray park and this is in bigger towns than ours. That is an expense we don't need. I take my grandkids and use the baby pool and big pool that's enough.
- New pool
- Don't need a spray park
- Who knows what money will be worth in 10 -15 years or what the population of Salem will be or what corn will be worth then.
- Bigger needs are street repairs! Cost of water treatment is too high.
- Is there any city funded supervision needed at a spray park?
- We do not need a spray park. We need an upgraded pool with a slide and 2 kid's slides in swallow pool.
- Spray Park & Aquatic Facility - The wording of the questions are poorly constructed. Your results will be biased and not a true picture of respondent's intent wishes.
- Do not use the pool, and do not have children who utilize it. Feel no need to increase in taxes for something we do not use.
- I would like to have a pool in town either way it is nice to have in a community. So I am in favor for whatever can be done.
- Open pool from June - September on weekends. If heated May - October (weekends)
- Really hard to answer most questions as the price estimated for some of the items seem way too much. Example is \$300,000 for a bath house is more than what it costs to build a 1500 square foot house fully furnished with appliances so I question the source of estimate and what is looking at being done with the new bathhouse. More information on what the new bathhouse would look like and what it would contain would allow me to develop an opinion. Bottom line not enough info when you are talking dollars to make a decision based on info provided. That is why a lot of my answers are undecided.
- I feel a better investment for our city would be to bring in business that Salem would support in order to have the larger tax revenues to support things such as an Aquatic Center. Want big things need to grow the city. Fix downtown up so there are no empty buildings. Some fast food business would work here for Salem does like to eat.
- A new bath house should come as soon as we have enough money to pay for it and then maintain it.
- Too many questions & possibilities should have a meeting first! Like what and how much it cost? # 3 - Not a good ? a \$40,000 liner or 25 billion new pool. #5 - If people raise it and fund it fine! But DON't tax local residents or raise our water bill out of this world. # 6 Spray park don't think is needed. Yes on the bath house needs updating very much but get many estimates or volunteer help! #8 - Get more estimates this way out of line. #9 - So would this be year round open at least longer into September? If heated! #10 - Depends! Would it be enclosed or stay open longer months. #11 - No the children love the diving boards. If the pool was bigger could we have a slide in shallower water. #12 15 years away hard to know how many of the same people will be here in Salem yet or what the population will be then. #14 We need another industry for employment in Salem & population up. #16 So where is the money coming from for construction, water bill, up keep etc. #17 I don't know how much is paid now & how are you saying to increase it to! #18 Per kid or per family? Do you mean now before improvements? #19 - That depends on what needs to be done. #20 - No to spray park #21 - over 18 and a tax payer Yes, the bath house needs to be replaced - the sooner the better. Make a decent place to change clothes, have some private places to change, shower off, stools & sinks nothing extravagant just functional & clean. To make sure all children get swimming lessons this may save lives in years to come.
- Don't believe we need a spray park! Heating the pool is not needed because all our life guards are either college or high school age and can't start early or work late in the fall.

- I am sure we need a new bath house but a new liner should be sufficient and wading pool now is nice asset.
- #6 - No spray park #20 - No spray park - waste of money To many kids ruin a pool area quickly. The kids should have a place to swim and take classes. But the investment would a better solution for the area. If all is built I hope there will be ample time set aside each day for the elderly. Not just an hour like in Madison.
- #17 - If it wasn't sky high. #18 - Don't know how much a pass is now! Family rate! Depends on how often used! #20 - They need to not be all together or little children would be pushed out by older.
- Salem's average age is going up NOT enough young people in Salem to support it. We need to bring in industries & fix our streets not just chip seal & get our water problem fixed before investing in a million dollar pool.
- I feel a splash park would be a great asset to the community for families with young children. Our current pool is outdated. There are so many enhancements like zero depth, heated pool and water slide that would add so much to our community if it became more of an aquatic center. I have young children and I feel it is a worthwhile investment. I would pay higher family pool pass price to have a better facility. I would support updating the current bath house, if in future phases of development it could be used in connection with a new pool/aquatic center.
- #11 - not in existing pool - I feel an increase in the pool pass would be very acceptable one the aquatic center is constructed. - If the construction of a new bath house would be for nothing once a new aquatic center would be constructed (appx 15 yrs), then why waste the \$300,000 now? - The pool is one of the only things Salem has to offer "families" for summer fun! We Need it to keep the community alive.
- spray park & aquatic facility
- A nice well maintained aquatic facility is a positive asset for the City of Salem. It may not bring a large sum of \$ in on its own but it will bring outside or visiting people to the park this always benefits the community. New pool + New school = growing pains - Vote yes!
- None of the questions got answered on this survey just the following comment was written. I don't think we need any pool fixing we have a new school that has to paid for you better figure the young people to pay for this not the older people. We paid for one pool, I figure you people are not happy unless we are in debt. Fix what needs to be fixed and let it go at that.
- I would like to see a larger pool with diving boards and waterslide. Forget spray park.
- Both spray park & aquatic facility
- A pool is vital to the vitality of a small city and has always been a good service toward families. Keep the wading pool free and include additional spray park fee with pool pass for families with kid's age 0 - 8.
- Why can't we have 1 diving board and 1 slide (replacing the 2nd diving board)? I feel that it's important to teach our children to dive properly/safely as well as have some fun.
- I do believe a pool is very important to the city and would like to see one remain open until a new one is constructed.
- I think this survey is somewhat confusing because there are so many different scenarios. We certainly believe the pool is essential and support any & all improvements/replacements. Therefore questions like investing in the existing: Not sure if the question is geared toward an interim investment or long-term, against replacement. Basically, we support the efforts at whatever cost.
- The spray park may be nice but maintenance on them can be a lot too. I think we need new bath houses for right now and then expand and build an aquatic facility. Make it a community building so not only kids can use it but adults doing water exercise and swimming laps. Get McCook Wellness and our clinics support!!!!

- I feel that any type of improvement would be a total waste unless the pool is heated. My grandson had swimming lessons in July 2014 in 59 degree weather. It was terrible. He froze and cramped up. With heat the pool could be used 5 months of the year instead of 2.5 months.
- I believe we need to improve our swimming facilities. It is something which may draw families into the town. Our city has kept our town clean and maintained compared to other towns in our county. I would highly suggest opening the bids for the bathhouse. \$300,000 is a very extreme amount, unless you are having 10 separate stalls with a sauna!
- Bath house only when funds are available. All the other to spendy for a town our size. None of this would generate enough rev. to pay expenses! \$300,000 sounds to spendy for a bath house, scale down!
- #16 - But we as a city probably can't afford it. #19 - If it is going to cost us more then what the aquatic facility will cost we probably need to try to move forward with the aquatic facility instead.
- I think you can have a simple non fancy pool. You don't need all the extra things. A pool is not a money making project just a lot of expense. It needs to be simple.
- Put the water in the pool earlier then you usually do, so it has time to acclimate. It is so cold at first. Can only one diving board be removed and a slide be added? It would be nice to have a bit of variety.
- I believe we need something for the upper elementary to middle/high school age children as well. We already have the little pool for the little ones.
- a good facility will help bring people to town to live.
- #3 - When will it be time for a new one #8 - estimate seems high #11 - Keep the diving boards and add a waterslide. #12 -15 years is a complete childhood. The current bath house is disgusting. #20 Disability accessible.
- My three school age kids would use this lots, and there is so little options for kids in the summer. Give them an outlet!!
- Fix the streets
- Not in favor of the spray park. Need new bath house & pool improvements. In favor of new pool.
- I think the spray park doesn't really benefit many children. The baby pool already has some spray features, and would like to see money invested into the actual pool where the majority of the children are
- My thought would be first doing the bath house and heating the pool. With a heated pool we would be able to use it much more. It's so cold that my kids don't even go in, they end up sitting on the side. I also like the idea of taking out the diving boards and adding a slide. I think the bath house is a must. As far as the splash park, I wouldn't invest to much in it, just a new bath house, heated pool and a waterside!!!
- I would love to see and indoor aquatic area for adults and children to use year round. I would definitely enjoy using it for exercise benefits and as a place to go on cold snowy days or rainy days in the summer. Would it be a possibility to do swimming lessons a couple times a year if we had an indoor aquatic center?
- I would not think a spray park is that vital to the town? I think a heated functioning pool should be the area of concentration. I have seen the Madison pool on many days where the slide and splash park is empty but the pool is always being used.
- At a minimum, the bath house needs replacing.
- Salem needs to be forward looking. We need to attract and keep young families in our community. A quality heated pool with decent bathhouses would be such an asset to our town. The bathhouses need to be done immediately as they are disgusting!
- Dislike the spray park idea!
- In regards to #17. I would support an Increase only after an aquatic center is built not before.

- It's hard to support an increase in the pool pass as we open the pool so late in the summer already that it doesn't seem to "pay" for itself. Fill the pool earlier, find the problems, and get them fixed sooner so that we can actually use the pool for the summer.
- We really need a bathhouse. But how elaborate does it have to be? Are there requirements for safety that we have to meet? For example does it have to be brick? Does it have to be like the one in Mitchell or Sioux Falls? Can we cut costs with some of those things?
- Age was a big gap there 31-50?? I don't agree with investing money in a little spray park. I don't believe it will get used as much. If you're investing in an aquatic park it needs to be an indoor facility that can be used year round to make it worth the investment. With school being out in first part of May and most time does not warm up until June only leaves full month of June, July and 2 weeks in August to use an outdoor facility. Extend the time it is open and have rotating supper hours, so that it is not closed. Open longer to really get value. Otherwise if remains the same will not get the payback you will need to support this large project. Thanks.
- Please invest in the pool, I currently drive, 3-4 times a week to Sioux falls to use an indoor pool, during the summer I would like to have a nice pool in Salem to enjoy with the family, lack of a decent pool and other amenities for a young family is a top the reason for me looking to relocating to Sioux Falls
- Surrounding communities seem to find the funds to build new grand pools. I believe its best to have a nice swimming pool and not sure I see the need for a spray park. Who will maintain and clean this facility. Just because you don't need guards you still need people to watch the unattended children. We need as a community to become more progressive and not dwell on the small things. Add a few spray park features to the baby pool instead of an entire spray park itself. We don't need a huge pool but an updated pool that functions better and offers encouraging exercise to everyone in the community and draws people to our community.
- The city needs something like this to attract young families. If we sit on our hands for 15 years there won't be young families to build an aquatic center for. BE PROACTIVE. We either get ahead of this or sit and watch while we turn into Howard, Bridgewater, and Montrose.
- Just build a nice bath house that works with a new regular pool in 15-20 years. We are a small town.
- We need improvements to our pool area, period. We need improvements to this city, period. Without these things, people will keep moving away and that isn't good at all. We need things in this city that will ATTRACT people to come and stay.
  
- # 5 Spray Park & Aquatic Facility. #18/19 no answer A spray park & bath house with our existing pool are good progressive steps for Salem. Then we to replace the pool after the liner has met its useful life.
- All of these investments would be good if you made sure to gear some of the new facilities towards young adults (18+). It would create something to do for and age group other than little kids & I think it would bring in a lot more money for the city.
- The last time we did the baby pool the kids couldn't even stand on the shoots of water - how dumb make sure its user friendly. I think more people would use the pool if heated our family actually buys Wild Water West passes.
- Salem really needs to make improvements to the pool for our community.
- No spray park
- Spray Park & Aquatic Facility
- I do not like the spray park idea. A new pool and bath house, yes. I think for the families that bring in a toddler and a 5 year old would benefit more with zero depth pool and keep everyone together. It is very hard to have two kids in two different areas. Try to make it work that the families can stay together and not fence them off like it is now.

- # 11 Not in existing pool. # 18 \$20/\$30 Passes should be higher for anyone that is not a Salem resident.
- First, let me note, the proposed expenditures for a facility that is only used approximately 10 weeks of the year seem at least exuberant, and at most ridiculous. I feel the City of Salem needs to save as much money as possible. We have many infrastructure needs, including streets falling apart, water mains needing replacement, etc. That should be of a much higher priority than the swimming pool. And to the best of my knowledge we have no idea how much we will need to spend on repair/replacement of the sanitary sewer system until the results of the filming are returned. #8 - For \$300,000 this bath house must be some structure. I believe this could be reduced somewhat. #9 - As the sun has heated the existing pool for the past 57 years, why cannot it continue? # 16 - This should be decided when operating costs are analyzed. # 18 - I cannot comment on this question as I do not know what current rates are. The bath house probably needs to be replaced, however, not with an exuberant monument, but a functional structure. As long as this being contemplated, the pump house/filter building could use some refurbishing as it looks quite dingy. Maybe some facing to match the bath house.
- #6 no to the spray park but yes to the other. #11 one of each would be nice #20 If a spray park would go up it should be located next the baby pool. Otherwise parents will be frustrated one kid wants there while another kid wants the other area. I do not support it being monitored kids break it. Not a huge fan of the spray park. We have been to some and the kids get bored. The way it is designed will drive parents crazy going around the big pool. I say aquatic would be more fun also a great part they can play @ would even be nicer.
- No to everything. Don't need we pay plenty of taxes already.
- Salem really needs a new pool!
- Look at the birth rate in our county over the next years - families are having fewer children, farms are getting larger so fewer farm families are in the area. Is the town increasing in young families or are they moving to Sioux Falls? The ones that use the pool are the children. Teach the children how to swim and forget the fancy stuff. Leave our pool as is and redo the bath house. Forget the spray & aquatic facility. We can't afford it. Who has all the money with money being put to school addition? The pool only gets used 2.5 months out of the year.
- We support all efforts towards a useable - safe pool & bath house. Nothing was answered except # 1.
- Question # 20 \$10 per individual & \$20 per family I would like to see the new bath house now and wait with the spray park until a new pool facility can be built & incorporated with spray park.
- Feel strongly no additions to the existing pool. Build new!
- I think a new aquatic facility would be best for the city because the existing facility is over 50 years old! Its time to move on to something better for our children and future.
- Question # 6 Spray Park - No & Bath House - Yes Question # 7 Spray Park - No & Bath House - Yes
- Spend the money fixing unsafe sidewalks
- Lack of lifeguards to keep pool open makes for very short opportunity get much use.
- We stopped going to the pool. My kids are still young enough for just the baby pool but they are bullied there. Mostly by big kids coming over from the big pool to play in the jets making the little kids unable to even get in the pool, or out if they are already in.