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City Leaders Celebrate New Municipal Ballfields “On Time and On Budget”
Local League Reps Join Officials As City Thanks All Involved



Friday, July 19, 2019 – PASCAGOULA, MS – “We’ve been so focused on things like fixing the financial crisis and getting our City back on track, that we haven’t stopped to really celebrate some successes,” said Mayor Dane Maxwell to the group gathered on Convent Ave. at Marion St. this morning, the site of the new municipal ballfields. “This project is one of those success stories,” he added.

Council Members Stephen Burrow (President Pro Tempore); Matt Parker, Scott Tipton and Felix Fornett and City Manager/City Attorney Ryan Frederic, Esq.; Assistant City Manager Frank Corder; Director of Engineering Jaci Turner; and head of Parks and Recreation Mike West all shoveled some dirt on the location of the Championship field, while Maxwell complimented everyone involved, commenting that this is “a massive undertaking” for local kids and will also showcase our city throughout the region.

Six other fields are also under construction at the site, to include three baseball diamonds and three softball diamonds. B J McCreary and Nicki Scoville, the presidents of Pascagoula Youth Baseball and Softball were also on the shovel line, along with Paige Roberts, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce.

The project has a total budget of \$10.5 million, and has been funded through a recreation bond financed by the 2% prepared food tax approved by voters in 2017. In his comments at today’s ceremony,

Maxwell lauded the vision of the Council that approved the project, many of whom like Maxwell grew up playing ball in local youth leagues. “What makes this project even more of a success story, besides being the biggest one of its kind in Pascagoula’s history, is that both of our contractors are local companies. This project is providing a lot of jobs and keeping money raised in Pascagoula right here,” he said, when he thanked Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Stewart Construction and J E Talley, the three primary companies heading up the project.

The municipal ballfield complex is slated for completion in February, 2020. City leaders will be developing the marketing plan, along with naming rights opportunities, and a plan to honor Pascagoula’s rich history of very active softball and baseball leagues.

Citizens with TEAM photographs of local ball leagues who wish to contribute to a living history of Pascagoula Baseball and Softball that may be used at the new complex, are asked to scan the photo and send in an email to: CommunityRelations@cityofpascagoula.com – We must be able to contact the contributor of the photo for information for additional information, so please include your name and phone number in the email.

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