

CITY OF SEGUIN



To: City of Seguin Mayor and City Council
From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation
Through: Steve Parker, City Manager
Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager
Date: December 3, 2024
Subject: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Seguin and Rivermonster Baseball LLC for the use of "Smokey" Joe Williams Field for the Seguin River Monsters summer 2025 Texas Collegiate League baseball season; and declaring an effective date.

It's real.

Historical Background

If approved, this will be the fourth summer that the Seguin River Monsters have played their Texas Collegiate League (TCL) home games at "Smokey" Joe Williams Field. For the first two years, the City approved three-month Facility Use Agreements with Mike Gigliotti who owned the Seguin River Monsters at the time. The Seguin River Monsters won the TCL Championship in 2023. In the fall of 2023, the River Monsters were sold to Tommy and Kristin Stephens.

The City approved a three-month Facilities Use Agreement for the 2024 season. As reported by the Stephens', total attendance for the 2024 season was approximately 4,500 for the 16 home games (8 games were rained out) for an average of 281 attendees per game. It was reported by the Stephens' that the indirect economic impact of the River Monsters to the Seguin area was approximately \$617,000.

The TCL is the premier summer collegiate league in the Texas and Louisiana area. There are currently six TCL teams including three teams from Texas and three teams from Louisiana that include:

- Seguin River Monsters (Seguin, TX)
- Brazos Valley Bombers (Bryan, TX)
- Victoria Generals (Victoria, TX)
- Acadiana Cane Cutters (Lafayette, LA)
- Baton Rouge Rougarou (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Gumbeaux Gators (Lake Charles, LA)

Action Requested

As proposed, the Seguin River Monsters will play 24 of their TCL home games at "Smokey" Joe Williams Field similar to the past three summers. Highlights of River Monsters' responsibilities in the proposed Facilities Use Agreement include:

- Operate, maintain, and clean the concession area.
- Maintaining a clean park and clean restrooms during and after each game/use. This includes adding paper products when needed and picking up trash and securing it in trashcans provided. Restrooms should be cleaned and stocked after each game/use.

- Haul trash collected onsite to City dumpsters located nearby at the conclusion of each game/use.
- Repair holes dug, hand-water, rake, and cover home plate and pitcher's mound areas at the conclusion of each game/use.
- Drag and chalk/stripe/paint the fields for each game/use.
- Provide a minimum of one (1) licensed Peace Officer for security purposes scheduled through the Seguin Police Department if alcohol is allowed to be brought onto and/or sold on City property.
- Improve the outfield by purchasing top dressing.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will consider the proposed Facilities Use Agreement at their meeting on December 2, 2024.

Procurement Methodology & Funding Source

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seguin, Texas authorizing the City Manager to execute a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Seguin and Rivermonster Baseball LLC for the use of "Smokey" Joe Williams Field for the Seguin River Monsters summer 2025 Texas Collegiate League baseball season; and declaring an effective date.

ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Seguin and Rivermonster Baseball LLC for the use of "Smokey" Joe Williams Field located at 637 Midway in the Seguin Events Complex.