

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City of Seguin Mayor and Council

**From:** Jack Jones, Director of Parks & Recreation

**Through:** Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

**Subject:** Audio system repair/upgrade needed at the Seguin Coliseum.


**Date:** April 4, 2017

The audio system at the Seguin Coliseum is over 10 years old and is in need of repair/upgrade. The audio system warranty is out-of-date including the software needed to operate the system from staff computers. There are parts of the Coliseum audio system that do not work including the foyer/lobby area, hallway inside large ballroom that is created for meetings via partitions, and the outdoor gazebo. The problem lies within the main controller as it is not sending audio to the hallways and gazebo when switched manually to multi-room output on the controller. Staff has been experiencing audio issues with processing the sound in the Coliseum for approximately two years. In addition, there is no audio software available to control the sound from a staff computer as was done in the past. The audio software was inadvertently deleted from a staff computer approximately three years ago.

Thus far, Coliseum staff has manually provided adequate audio to facility renters for the large ballroom and meeting rooms. With the upcoming Crime Stoppers Convention coming to Seguin in October, there is a need to repair/upgrade the system for this convention to ensure consistent sound throughout the entire facility and for future Coliseum rentals.

The City has received two bids from a company, one includes to patch the system for approximately \$4,000 with no warranties/guarantees, and the second includes the replacement of the main controller/processor entirely with new programming software for approximately \$30,000. This fee includes any programming, testing, a wireless handheld mic system and applicable warranties.

Because the audio system as is can go out at any time, and having a workable audio system is beneficial to future rentals staff is recommending a complete system repair/upgrade with new audio software for approximately \$30,000. Updating the system is necessary to give facility users a quality and consistent sound system that can accommodate large groups that want to isolate sound in different areas of the facility, as well as entertain



guests in the lobby and in the gazebo all at the same time. In addition, staff can control the audio system via a computer and remotely with an app on an iPad or phone, if needed.