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....Resident Bob Anderson knows first hand the impact privatization had on the city's pools. He and his wife swam in the pools regularly until they were privatized.

"The price went up and the quality went down," he says. [when Leisure Recreation Group began operating it five years ago]

.....When the recommendation to contract a private operator was presented to council Monday, it only indicated proposals were received from Recreation Excellence, Leisure Recreation Group and the YMCA.

....The city sent out a request for proposals to try and find the best deal for the city. Recreation Excellence was chosen because its bid was lower and because of its commitment to staff training and customer service.

"The last contractor [Leisure Recreation Group] was deficit in both those areas," community services director **Kathy Hopkins** told council Monday.

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