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On August 15, 2023, the Caldwell City Council overwhelmingly authorized a bid from Beniton Construction to restore the Caldwell Pool. Construction is currently underway on a new mechanical room and renovating the current pool. The goal was to reopen the pool in the summer of 2024.

The new completion date is now late July (depending on the weather). This delay is due to several incidents, including weather and unknown utilities in the area that needed to be removed. Pools typically close just before school starts, making it difficult to find staff to work for the approximately two weeks the pool could now be open.

If the pool were to open for two weeks, the bathhouse would also need repairs, costing \$44,000.00.

The existing bathhouse is set to be demolished in 2025 to make way for a new one.

The goal of the city is to open the pool in the summer of 2025. We fully understand what a valuable resource this is for our citizens, and we thank the community for their patience. The City recognizes the need for the pool in our community but we want to take the time to get this project done correctly to ensure we get a product that lasts.

History: The pool originally closed in 2021 after a routine inspection revealed an electrical problem, making it unsafe to operate, which also led to the discovery of a significant water leak under the deep end of the pool. Due to the accelerating costs of construction and repair, the Caldwell Pool remained closed through the 2023 season. Funds for rehabbing the current pool were included in the 2023 budget; however, construction expenses outpaced the anticipated costs of the project by more than one million dollars. The city began investigating every possible avenue to raise the funding needed to have a new and improved pool open for our citizens as soon as realistically possible.