

# Electricity to go up 3/4 cent

By VERONICA MONIER  
The city is going to add a three-fourth of a cent per kilowatt hour surcharge on electric sales for six months to pay for repairs to an engine at the power plant.

Councilman Jerry Hawks said engine No. 8, the largest engine at the plant, has three leaks in different heads. The O-rings are leaking. He said water isn't leaking into the oil yet, but if left un-repaired, there could be a problem.

He said there have also been cooling problems in engines 5, 6 and 7, but the city is doing some re-piping, which may fix the problem. He said the three engines are okay, but because of the coolant problems, they haven't been able to run at full power.

Mr. Hawks said City Administrator Rob Lawson has been talking to Sunflower Electric to let them know what is going on and to see if they can help relieve the plant a little.

Mr. Lawson said Sunflower understands and thanked the city for letting them know. He said they would work with the city during the repairs.

"We're lucky this didn't happen further into summer when the weather is much hotter," he said. "The temperature is still pretty good right now; let's just hope it doesn't get into the 100s."

Mr. Hawks said they were looking at a six-week downtime on engine No. 8 and were estimating the repairs would cost anywhere from \$65,000 to \$70,000. In the worst case scenario, he said the cost could go as high as \$134,000. He said all 16 heads, rather than just the three, were going to be sent in, which is why it costs so much.

"It's better to do them all at once," he said. "The engine is old enough that the money won't be wasted."

Mr. Hawks said the city has the money to pay for the repairs, but



World War II Veteran Kenneth Hays looked on as Mayor David Corns signed a proclamation Wednesday night declaring June 6 as the 60th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion of the shores of Normandy.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

if anything else unexpected should happen, it would be short, which is why the utility committee recommended the six month surcharge.

The surcharge will become effective with the Sept. 1 bill.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said the city's ordinance will need to be amended.

In other business, the council:

- Waived the formal first reading of Ordinance No. 1530, increasing the fine for parking violations to \$25. Councilman Jerry Jones said a lot of people don't realize that there are no parking zones in town. Mayor David Corns said he asked several people if they parked in the no parking zones, when asked why the fines were going up so much. He said they all answered yes, because the fine is only \$3 and when he asked if a \$25 fine would keep them from parking in the zones, they said yes.

Mr. Hawks said there is a reason for the no parking areas and they need to be enforced.

- Were told the public works crew did smoke testing on the sewer lines to detect any leaks in

the system. Mr. Lawson said they found a few spots that need to be looked at. He said three people said they had smoke in their house and although the smoke won't hurt them, this shows that they have sewer gas coming into their homes. He said they need to refill the traps with water, because they are probably dry.

- Watched as Mayor Corns signed a proclamation declaring June 6 as the 60th anniversary of D-Day. The proclamation was passed to honor the armed forces. World War II veteran Kenneth Hays of Almena said that after the Battle of the Bulge, there were only four of the 12 men left in his unit.

- Learned the city received \$16,445.83 in city sales tax receipts and \$10,709.90 in county sales tax receipts for April, making the year to date total \$138,970.04. Mayor Corns said last year at this time, they had collected \$73,870.74.

- Accepted the resignation of Police Officer Eric Deneault. The resignation goes into effect June 10. Mr. Deneault has taken a job with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

- Heard from Mrs. Griffiths that she has the attorney general's opinion on whether the same person serving as city attorney and county attorney is a conflict of interest. She said it wasn't and would

like to meet with a committee on the matter.

- Complimented Steve Cole and his cemetery crew on the job they did for Memorial Day. Mr. Lawson said the cemetery looked great. Councilwoman Elaine Mann said she also thought the cemetery looked nice and said the parks and ball fields have also been looking good.

- Heard that Amanda Shannon, a clerk at the city building, was named employee of the month for June. Ms. Shannon has been working for the city since November.

- Approved the water service extension agreement between Prairie Land Electric Co. and the city.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$242,126.77. Mr. Jones said he would like to see the bills before approving them.

# Wheat worries bother farmers

What to do with wheat is a common question on the minds of farmers these days.

Injury from the May freeze covered a wide area, but not all the wheat was injured. If the head was still in the boot, there is usually very little damage. The cold air tended to settle in lower spots rather than on hillsides. Farmers need to check multiple locations in a field to get a better picture of how much damage there is.

Here are some options compiled by Sandy Johnson, animal livestock specialist; Keith VanSkiel, Norton County agent, and myself. The first is to leave the wheat alone and harvest it. Unless damage is extensive, later emerging uninjured tillers may compensate somewhat for yield. If damage is extensive, then another option should be considered.

Second, graze the wheat, cut it for hay, or cut and store it as silage. Before tearing it up, consider grazing or haying. Destroying the wheat will be a total loss and tillage will deplete soil moisture. If you do replant, there is no assurance of adequate rainfall for another crop.

Wheat can be grazed even if it has headed out, although palatability and protein levels will decline as it matures. Heavy stocking to remove wheat fairly rapidly would help minimize this problem. Awns from the wheat head can become lodged in the animal's mouth or throat and cause abscesses. This also can occur with wheat hay or silage put up after heading.

Since we have had several years of drought, the benefit to native pastures from a delayed turnout

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can boost this year's forage production and drought recovery. Delaying grazing will help the pasture use existing moisture to produce forage and be in better condition after grazing occurs. If you do graze your wheat, make sure to feed a high magnesium supplement to prevent grass tetany.

If you elect to put your wheat up for hay, do so before the leaves start to turn or much grain fill occurs. The quality is best now. Between the freeze and the drought, nitrates could be high in wheat, so be sure to test before feeding.

Small grains should be ensiled at 62 to 68 percent moisture. Due to wheat's rapid growth from boot stage to dough stage, cutting at the right time can be difficult. Protein and energy decrease, but tonnage increases rapidly at this time. For most operations, the soft dough stage is the best compromise. A very fine chop and good packing will make for a better crop.

Third, make sure to check crop restrictions on the label of the herbicide that was used to control weeds in the wheat. Options for a crop following the wheat could be limited by pesticide residue.

Fourth, check freeze damaged wheat for germination before using for seed four weeks after harvest. If a test is done right after harvest, it may be inaccurate.

# Woman killed in accident

Kathleen Rogers, Norton, was fatally injured Wednesday morning in a one-vehicle accident on K-9.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Ms. Rogers, driving a 1988 Buick, was eastbound on K-9 14 miles south of Norton when her vehicle crossed over the center line. Mrs. Rogers yanked the steering wheel back and then lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle rolled and Ms. Rogers, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected.

Ms. Rogers was a manager at McDonalds.

Her obituary is on Page 2.

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