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a city street, opening an official city street, establishing a street description and minimum widths, providing for the dedication of the proposed street for a public purpose and establishing a street name of Timbercreek Drive. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Motion was made by Councilwoman Kim Snyder and seconded by Mr. Briery to waive the formal third reading of Ordinance #1575. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Mann to adopt Ordinance #1575, relating to the licensing and insurance requirements of taxicab services within the City. Vote taken, Motion carried.

• Mayor Corns reported the city sales tax receipts collected in April of 2008 totaled \$21,196.83, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$15,691.25, for a total of \$36,888.08. The 2008 year to date sales tax receipts total \$194,219.84.

• He asked Counselor Griffiths if she would draft an amendment to the Ordinance regarding shooting BB guns and archery, so they could be allowed at approved, organized events in a dedicated area. The City Attorney and Chief of Police will review the ordinance.

• Motion was made by Mr. Otter and seconded by Mr. Kuhn to waive the formal first reading of Ordinance #1576, increasing municipal court costs. The ordinance will increase the current court costs by \$5 to a total of \$75, so it is the same as the state court costs. The ordinance also authorizes a \$5 fee for mailing 30 day notices for traffic citations. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• City Administrator Rob Lawson said he would like to compliment all of the City crews for the way the city looked for the Memorial Day weekend. He also reported the Living Hope Fellowship Church will be holding a street concert at White Fields Cof-

fee House again this year on June 20. He said the 100 Block of W. Washington Street will be blocked off from 6 p.m. to midnight for the event.

• Mr. Lawson said he met with Eddie Stewart of JCI about the new lift station pumps and the excessive wear issue. He is looking into the problem and will report back to the council.

• Mr. Lawson asked the council for direction on what they expect the mill levy to be in the 2009 budget. The general consensus was to keep the mill levy the same.

• Councilwoman Snyder said the Parks Committee met with the 20th Century Study Club regarding a plan for the south circle at the cemetery. The club had Earl May, an architect from Kearney, Neb., design a low maintenance plan for redoing the circle, and asked for the city's assistance in completing the plan. Motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Mann to approve the club's cemetery improvement project at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 to come from available cemetery improvement funds. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Mrs. Mann said the Utility Committee discussed the power plant at their last meeting. Power Plant Supervisor Curt Bozarth invited everyone to come to the power plant to give the Mayor and Council a better idea of what steps are taken to start the plant when there is a power outage. (That invitation was for yesterday, June 16).

• Mr. Briery said he has heard a lot of complaints about the temporary stop signs that were installed at the intersection of E. Washington and S. Archer.

• Mrs. Snyder stated the Parks Committee recommends the purchase of two pieces of playground equipment for the swimming pool park. One piece of equipment is for ages up to 5 years, and one piece is for ages 6-12 years. Motion was made by Mr. Briery and

seconded by Mrs. Snyder to authorize the purchase of playground equipment from PlayMart, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$31,000, using Hansen Foundation grant funds. It will be installed at the swimming pool park. Vote taken. Motion carried.

• Mr. Briery asked what steps the city could take to conserve gas due to the high cost of fuel. Mr. Lawson said he has talked to the department heads and called their attention to it, and reminded them to shut off the vehicles whenever they are not in use.

• Mr. Otter said he has talked to several city employees to see if there are any personnel issues to discuss. He stated a salary survey needs to be completed. Mr. Lawson stated it has been done and it will be presented.

• A motion was made by Mrs. Foley and seconded by Mr. Otter to approve Gloria DeWitt's request for 131 feet of sidewalk replacement at 502 N. Jones Street, and Donald Mann's request for 32 feet of sidewalk replacement at 711 N. First Street, with the condition the city will provide the labor, and the property owner will pay the cost of materials directly to the concrete provider. Vote taken. Motion carried 5-0 with Mrs. Mann abstaining from the vote.

• Mrs. Foley reported two representatives from Bieber Cottages met with the Public Works Committee requesting their alley be paved. Counselor Griffiths stated there is an easement there, but it is not a dedicated alley. Mrs. Griffiths will meet with Mr. Lawson regarding this request. She said the city previously required a 40-foot minimum width for a street, and it had to have curb and gutter. However, there are no written specifications for a City street.

• Mrs. Foley said the refuse department is having budgeting issues, and she encouraged everyone to recycle so that the landfill charges are less.

The following building permits were presented:

The Bank, \$10,000, install new pole sign at 314 W. Holme; Curtis Glenn, \$12,000, Demolish east apartment, build garage & awning over porch at 408 W. Crane; Raymond Wait, \$650, construct carport at 101 E. Warsaw.

School board: contract approved

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• Approved Supt. Greg Mann's contract for the 2008-09 school year as presented, with an annual salary of \$86,043.

Supt. Mann told the board that next year's calendar is nearly ready for the publisher.

He also reported on the damage done to the football field (see page 1 story in The Telegram June 13). Additionally, the superintendent introduced Jeff Wallingford, the new junior high principal.

Supt. Mann said the district had to republish its budget to increase the Special Education fund since the district was getting more state aid for that program. The board followed with a motion that approved the republished budget.

The board adopted the 2008-09 Student-Parent Handbooks for the high school, junior high and elementary school as presented. The board also acted to increase elementary student meal prices by \$.10 per meal and secondary meal prices by \$.20 per meal. K-3 lunches would cost \$1.60, 4-6 lunches \$1.70, 7-12 lunch-

es \$2.00; K-6 breakfasts \$1.00 and 7-12 breakfasts \$1.25. Adult meals are to be at least equal to the reimbursement rate and will be set when those rates are received.

The board further moved to set the mileage reimbursement at \$.26 per mile for staff using private vehicles on school business with prior approval for the 2008-09 school year.

The board additionally moved to set the mileage reimbursement at the prevailing state rate (currently \$.46) for parents who transport their child/children to school when the child/children have an IEP and transportation is required by the IEP.

The board accepted the bid from Boxler Insurance Agency Inc., of Norton, for the district's property, inland marine, workmen's compensation, liability and auto insurance at a total cost of \$69,836 for the 2008-09 school year. Also, the board accepted the bid from the Naught-Naught Agency of Columbia, Mo., for the district's student accident insurance for the 2008-09 school year at a total cost of \$15,697.

During the evening, the school

board went into three executive sessions, one dealing with non-elected personnel, and the other two each dealing with "matters affecting a student."

And the board also:

• Moved to approve the recommended student members of the appreciation plaque committee as presented. They are Kara Jo Jones, Zac Dreher and Josh Galentine.

• Approved the district's participation for 2008-09 in the Head Start Program through the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska and NWKESC.

• Moved to have no change in the textbook rental fees.

• Moved to participate in the Federal School Nutrition Program for the 2008-09 school year.

Gail Boller addressed the board and requested that the Natoma Corporation and other local employers be invited to the next career day/night held at Norton Community High School, to help make the district's students aware of employment opportunities available in Norton, as well as educational opportunities available elsewhere.

Almena: winners' list long

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Rick Gitchel, Phillipsburg.

Kids Tractor Pull Winners: 5 to 6 year olds — first, Colten Fischer; second, Conner Bose: 7 to 8 year olds — first, Cadin Kinderknecht; second, Keegan Smith: 9 to 10 year olds — first, Steven Harrison; second, Colten Bach.

Sunday Best of Show winners: Monte Montgomery, Almena, 1952 Massey Harris; Tyler Montgomery, Almena, 1949 Allis Chalmers "G"; Marion Tien, Prairie View, 1955 John Deere 60; Eldo Graham, Almena, 1939 IHC Farmall F-20; Self-Restored Tractor, Bill Anderson, Superior, Neb., 1940 Huber "B"; Small Engine,

Gaylen Hansen, Minden, Neb., 1916 Sattley with Jenson Oil Well Pump.

The second annual Party on the Prairie Dog was held in conjunction with the antique tractor show. Part of the festivities included fun runs and city-wide garage sales.

One of the organizers, Glenn Brands, said that over \$7,500 was raised from the sale of dozens of donated items.

Auctioneer Lance Kinderknecht auctioned the items with the assistance of Mr. Brands. Proceeds from the auction will help build a new community building in Almena.

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