

Trees along street require attention

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The trees in downtown St. Francis have been a topic of the city council at the last few meetings. Some of them are in bad shape and some of them are getting too big.

At the meeting on Monday, May 10, Mike Bandel and Althea Lebow addressed the council regarding the trees in front of Bankwest. These trees have gotten so tall that their time and temperature sign is almost invisible. They said they had looked at other places they could move the sign but none are feasible.

Different options were discussed such as removing the trees. If the trees were cut down, it would be a two-year process as after cutting them down the roots would have to be killed and that would take two years. Killing the roots would be the only way to pull them up without doing a lot of damage to the sidewalks and curbs.

It was decided that they would talk to other business owners along Main Street and form a committee along with some council members to see what their feelings were and what ideas they could come up with.

Scout Hut

Only one bid had been received to replace the three windows at the Scout Hut. It was submitted by Travis Jensen in the amount of \$1,360. The council felt this was a fair bid and after discussion voted to accept the bid.

The type of siding that would be put on the Hut was a decision that needed to be made. Stucco had been one idea but after finding out the cost per square foot, they decided that was above their budget. Everyone decided that the split log cabin look would be good for the Scout Hut and it was approved. An ad is in this week's *Herald* for bids for the split log siding supplies. Volunteers will be needed for putting the siding on.

Hospital

Les Lacy, hospital administrator, presented the council with drawings by GMCN Architects for a hospital expansion, except he said it was a "facility improvement plan" at this time. To go further the city would need to do one of four things: narrow the street and make changes to the property line; vacate an area necessary to accommodate the site plan with an open easement; a waiver to build on city property as necessary; va-

cate the street but it will still be used as a two way street. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, will be doing some measuring and the council members will go look at the area to see exactly what they are recommending. Scott and Sarah Houtman were at the meeting and voiced their concern that they do not want parking moved any closer to their property line. Their house is across the street from the hospital.

Swimming pool

Bruce Swihart, city councilman and pool board member, told the council that the new rates for the swimming pool had been decided and asked for their approval. The council approved the new rates. They will be published in the paper at a later date.

Police report

The chief of police, Shane Guggenmos, handed the council some work schedules and hourly wages for deputies. He stated that the new deputy should be starting this week which will make things easier to schedule. He then asked for a short executive session to discuss personnel.

Superintendent's report

Mr. Landenberger stated that there had been 19 letters sent out to residents regarding their weeds.

He will be getting bids from McCormick for street work on Jackson and First streets.

The water tower needs to be inspected as it has been a couple of years.

There were six applications for building permits. They are as follows: Equity, for a bulk plant; Joshua Hasteret, to move a garage; Rob Schiltz, build storage units; Jill Zweggardt, concrete for a flag pole; Tina Schmid, build fence; and the hospital, awning on east side. All permits were approved.

Clerk report

Mary Lampe, city clerk, said that there have been a lot of complaints regarding the late night shooting off of fireworks during the holiday. They would like to have Ordinance 566 changed to read that fireworks can only be shot off from July 27 to July 3 and also July 5 from 8 to 10 p.m. and on July 4 from 8 p.m. to midnight. The council voted 4 to 1 for the change. There will be more on this at a later date.

Executive session

The council went into executive session with no decisions having been made when they returned.



MOVING ALONG! Young Jaxon Nelsen pushes the pedals as Bill Van De Creek gives him a little encouragement. A state-sanctioned event, 60 kids showed up to compete.
Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

While adults enjoy seeing vehicles, kids attracted to tractor pedal pull

A tractor pedal pull contest was held on Saturday, May 8, in conjunction with the Saturday in the Park Car Show. There were 60 kids participating in the pull.

This was a state-sanctioned event and the top two winner in each division qualify to participate at the state pedal pull held during the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Cheyenne County had three youth participate at state last year and Kattie Jenik won her division. Shakotah and Shadryon Blanka also participated.

The pull in St. Francis on Saturday was run by Bill Van De Creek of Van De Creek Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pulls, Abilene.

A full pull is 30 feet and the results in each division is as follows:

Four-year-olds: There was a play off in this age division as a number of participants had a full pull on their first attempt. Final results show: first place, Jacob Rath with a full pull and 29 feet 8 inches; second place, Myron Miller,

full pull and 27 feet, 7 inches and third place, Brandon Martinez, full pull and 26 feet, 3 inches. These participants also had full pulls in their first attempt: Savannah Morris, Kaleb Feikert and Christopher Gomez. Other participants were Javian Yanez, Marcy Moberly, Que Que Yanez, Grace Landers, Breck Lohr, Maddy Murray and Jaxon Nelsen.

Five-year-olds: First place, there was an additional pull between Preston Witzel and John Serrano for first and second; first place, Witzel, full pull and 28 feet, 4 inches; second place, John Serrano, full pull and 24 feet, 1 inch; third place, Logan Sauvage, 29 feet, 3 inches. Other participants included Hadleigh Hilt, Lyden Lampe, Jayce Landers and Matthew Berens.

Six year olds: First place, Kelynn Jacobs, full pull; second place, Cutter Neitzel, 28 feet, 5 inches; third place, Emma Johnson, 28 feet. Other participants included: Jasper Hunt, Shannon

Semler, Joshua Berens and Mia Morrow.

Seven-year-olds: There was an additional pull for first and second place. Final results show: first place, Kallen Feikert with two full pulls; second place, Colton Neitzel, full pull and 28 feet, 7 inches; third place, Brady Schoenrogge, 26 feet, 2 inches. DJ Easter also participated.

Eight-year-olds: First place, Brady Dinkel, 27 feet, 8 inches; second place, Christina Stafford, 27 feet, 1 inch; third place, Marlo Jensen, 24 feet, 11 inches. Other participants included: Trenton Bartels, Audrey Meyer, Perla Yanez, Cassidy Busse, Seth Hilt, Karly Bandel, Alondra Gomez and Amanda Martinez.

Nine year olds: First place, Wyatt Hilt, full pull; second place, Jessica Confer, 27 feet, 8 inches; third place, Jacob Serrano, 26 feet, 9 inches. Other participants included: Lindsey Johnson, Lauren Johnson and Alexis Martinez.

10-year-olds: there was an additional pull for the top three places.

First place, Trayton Doyle, full pull and 27 feet, 1 inch; second place, Dalton Straub, full pull, 26 feet, 8 inches; third place, Zoe Sundstrom, full pull, 26 feet, 7 inches. Other participants included: Mallory Mills, Bret Sauvage and Jenna Confer.

11-year-olds: First place, Sydney Sundstrom, 28 feet, 1 inch and second place, Willie Haos, 16 feet, 2 inches.

12-year-olds: There was an extra pull for the top places. First place, Kattie Jenik, two full pulls; second place, Jakob Church, full pull, 28 feet, 2 inches; third place, Chris Hoard, full pull, 28 feet, 1 inch. Austin Keim also participated.

The top three placers received a ribbon and a T-shirt, which were given by Cheyenne County Farm Bureau. There were also many sponsors for this event.



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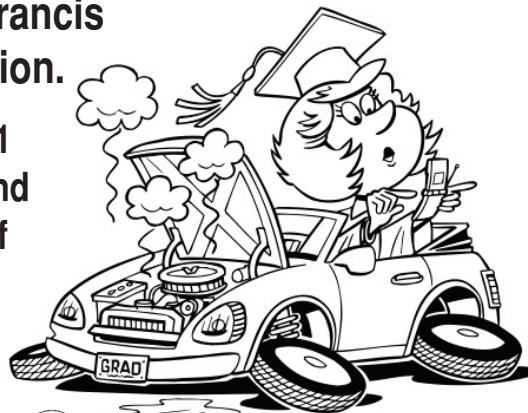
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