

Several visitors attend meeting

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The St. Francis city council met on Monday night, April 23. A number of visitors were at the meeting and they were addressed first.

Kirby Elliott and Larry Finley revisited the council to tell them how they had progressed with the proposed sand volleyball pit. They flagged and spray painted the proposed area by the power plant and are ready to break ground, but have not talked with city superintendent J.R. Landenberger yet. Council member Roger Jensen asked if they would need light poles installed and Mr. Finley said yes, but that he expected this project to be completed in phases over a few years.

Dwight Brewer and his wife Leah appeared before the council and told them about the electrical problems they had experienced at their home over the weekend. There had been some problem with loose wiring on the city's side that was causing voltage fluctuations to appliances in the Brewer's home that had damaged their stove. City attorney Michael Day said the insurance adjuster knew about the issue and the next step would be for him to come and handle it, so there's no conflict of interest.

Glenda Krien, along with her son Dave Krien, addressed the council about her proposed zoning variance again. Glenda is wanting to put a trailer for her sewing and fabrics business on a vacant lot on River Street and Dave had been cleaning it up over the last few days.

Previously, Glenda had gotten signatures for the variance from neighbors, but did not have signatures from property owners who shared a property line or were directly across the street.

Tina Kehl, owner of rental property on the property line, was also at the meeting and was dead set against the variance. Her concern was heavy traffic in a residential area and the looks of a trailer in the neighborhood.

Dianne Padgett, Mrs. Kehl's renter, had similar concerns about the proposed business.

Council member Carla Lampe agreed there had been a vast improvement on the property recently, but without the signatures in place, the council cannot agree to anything. Glenda said she felt she had 80 percent of the neighbor's signatures. But the council noted the signatures were not of the immediate neighbors, and they felt, in this case, that was more important than the 80 percent guideline.

After further discussion still, the council denied Mrs. Krien's variance, but said she could reapply if she got the signatures of the immediate neighbors.

Kale Dankenbring also visited the council to ask for a variance to have a residence in his business property. He's installing a loft into the back of the garage he has just purchased on Main Street, which will house his motor sports business. He also asked about what he would have to do to have a mobile coffee roasting and serving trailer. The council said they've discussed both issues recently and have no problem with either. Mr. Dankenbring will be in contact with Mr. Landenberger on how to move ahead.

Old business

City clerk Glorianne Milne had received the contract back for the bandshell, but did not have the template for the tree location done yet.

Helen Dobbs, director of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation, had previously talked to the council about a neighborhood revitalization tax deferral program. She had since talked to the school board about the program, and school superintendent Rob Schiltz expressed concerns about the idea, especially since schools get funding from property tax. The council made no decision and will address the topic again at the next meeting.

Police report

Police chief Shane Guggenmos said the police department had been busier as the weather had gotten nicer. Wesley Guggenmos is now on the job doing field training. They had also worked out the ammunition situation with Frontier Arms and would accept their bid. Mr. Guggenmos also said he needed five minutes in executive session for personnel.

Pool report

Council member Bruce Swihart said Meredith Knodel would be doing the lifeguard training during the first full week of June. With the Red Cross outlets closing across the state, the pool is still on the lookout for training mannequins. All the guards have been hired and they are looking to open on May 26.

Building permits

There were building permits from: Joe Caldart to move a metal building to a concrete pad; Tim Burr for a concrete patio; Dustin Andrist for a fence; Ben and Vicki Killingsworth for a fence; and Ruben Bandel to remove and replace concrete, which were all approved.

Superintendent report

City superintendent J.R. Landenberger was not present at the meeting, but had given his report to mayor Scott Schultz. The estimate to repaint the water tower was over \$200,000, so instead they will power wash it, repaint it with aluminum paint and preserve it as best they can until they can replace it, which is expected to cost approximately \$400,000.

Chip sealing some streets in town also needs to be done this summer. Materials for that need to be procured as quickly as possible, so appropriating funds for that was approved. Krutsinger Concrete is also in town doing the curbs on Main Street. They are committed to two blocks and may do a third if time allows.

Mowing and weed letters have been sent out.

Clerk report

Mrs. Milne reported that Jason Padgett had been working on the website and that they had received an application for a peddler's license from State Line Exteriors. The city had also received a statement from Cheyenne County Development Corporation for a \$5,000 pledge. Council members had some questions as to what this pledge would be for and would talk to Mrs. Dobbs at a later date. Mrs. Milne noted that a future council meeting would fall on Monday, May 28, which is Memorial Day, and the council decided to postpone that meeting until the next day, Tuesday, May 29.



A BIG TREE in the former Naomi Holliman's yard was cut down a couple weeks ago on Emerson Street.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Ag Talk with Jeanne

By Jeanne Falk



Agronomy Specialist

Stripe rust is still being found in trace levels in the wheat throughout the area. This is being found on the first and second leaves below the flag leaf. In addition it is not being found on every plant, but will likely be found upon entering a field.

During the stripe rust infections in 2012, varietal resistance was a common theme. This year, stripe rust has changed and is now attacking previously resistant varieties. Those varieties include TAM 111 and Armour. In addition, it appears that the varieties with Jagger parentage are being slightly less affected. However, these varieties are still exhibiting stripe rust. Finally, Winterhawk is a variety that is rated resistant. Stripe rust has been found in Winterhawk, but it seems to still have some resistance.

Stripe rust is most detrimental to yield, when it is infecting the flag leaf. The flag leaf contributes approximately 75 percent of the nutrients that are used in filling the wheat head. In addition, the timing of infection to the flag leaf

affects the stripe rust's effect on yield. As a rule of thumb, the earlier the stripe infestation the greater the affect on yield. Losses are greater when stripe rust infects the flag leaf at flowering (30-percent yield loss with 65-percent flag leaf infestation) than at the soft dough stage (7-percent yield loss with 65-percent flag leaf infestation).

Treatment for stripe rust is a fungicide application. There are several fungicides on the market and they will have 14 to 21 days of residual activity. In addition, recent information from the wheat pathologist indicates that there is benefit, even when stripe rust is not visible on the flag leaf. In some situations when fungicide was applied, there were no symptoms of stripe rust on the flag leaves at the time of application. However, the signs of dead stripe rust lesions are now appearing on these leaves. This suggests that the fungus had already infected the flag leaves and was damaging cells inside the leaf when the fungicide was applied -- even though there were no symptoms on the

surface of the leaves. The fungicide killed the fungus inside the leaves and it never had a chance to produce new spores. Interestingly, the leaf where the fungus was already feeding continued to turn necrotic, even after the fungicide was applied resulting in the tan lesions on the leaf.

If you have additional questions on stripe rust or fungicide appli-

cations, please contact me at your Extension Office. You can also check out our website at www.sunflower.ksu.edu. Then click on the 'Agronomy' heading. You will also find pictures of stripe rust of the progression of stripe rust.

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