

# Drop slot available at office

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The St. Francis City Council met on July 30. Before the meeting began, council member Carla Lampe said that she had heard a complaint about the city office being closed over lunch hour. She wanted to state again that if the office is not open, the drop box for bills is on the side of the building by the driveway.

As the meeting started, council member Roger Jensen presented city employee Earl Hankins with a plaque for 24 years of service, noting that he actually worked for 25 years all together, counting part-time work for the city.

Dana Daniels of Miller and Associates came to the council with three bids to repaint the water tower. He also had drawn up a plan for years down the road for options to replace the water tower, be it with another water tower or a tank on a hill. The lowest bid was from McGuire Iron to repaint the water tower. After seeing the various options for the future, the council decided to wait to choose a bid to discuss other options further.

Jim and Pam Bolin were visitors to the council. They explained that they were planning to have their Hobo Snack Shack in Sawhill Park after the parade on Saturday and were asking that the peddler's license fee be waived. City attorney Michael Day said that the idea of the \$50 peddler's license fee is to pay for a background check on people from other areas coming to sell merchandise in town, and that it can be waived. Considering the Bolins' ties to the community, the council waived the fee.

The small business incentive for Glenda Krien was approved.

For the bandshell grant, city clerk Glorianne Milne had heard nothing back yet.

The auditors had approved the city's budget for the year, giving the city a clean bill of health. Council members discussed some of the finer points

of the budget, such as the variable electrical billing rate, and a one mill increase, and approved the budget to be printed in the newspaper.

There was one bid for the Scout Hut repairs from TJ's Improvements, which was accepted.

There was one bid for the roadside park bathroom repairs, also from TJ's Improvements, which was accepted.

Building permits were submitted by: Doyle Easter for a ramp on his porch; Travis Milne for a fence; Roy Harbach for a front drive; John Larsen for a shed; Gene Voeller for a garage addition; Bill Carmichael for a fence; Shawn Straub for a garage; Robert Owens for a garage; and Scott Knebel for a shade over his deck. All were approved.

J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, gave the superintendent report, saying that chip sealing would start on Aug. 15, and they would be working with the county on that. The auditors had also brought up buying billing software and Mr. Landenberger thought it would be a good idea, but that we probably shouldn't do that for a couple of months at least, based on variable other costs and the high cost of this software.

Due to high water demands at the emergency building this year from all the fires, a hydrant is being installed at the building to help meet water needs.

Mr. Landenberger addressed the increase in electrical costs and usage, saying that most of the increase in cost was due to usage, as air conditioners have been run much more with the high temperatures.

Mr. Landenberger said that people had asked if there were going to be any water restrictions due to the heat, and he said that even though we are using a lot, we're not in danger of running out any time soon.

Mr. Landenberger said that PrairieLand can do electrical work but does not give bids or rates so he wanted to have them move some power poles to find out what their rates are. It was approved.

For the attorney report, Mr. Day had prepared ordinance 586, which is a uniform public offense code that mirrors state criminal code, and ordinance 587, which are for traffic codes. Mr. Day said these are standard yearly ordinances and they are the same as state and federal law.

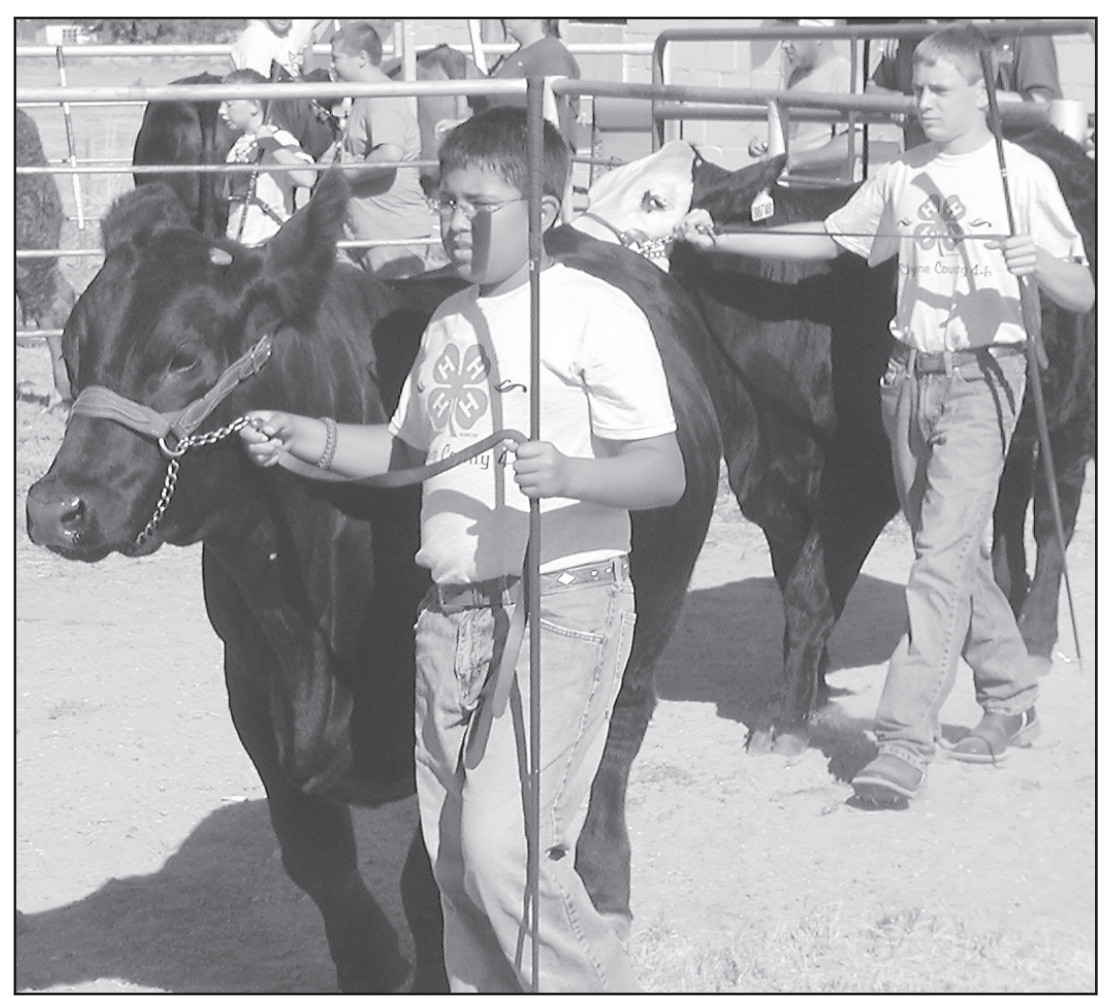
For this meeting, the council adopted Resolution 2012-3, which is basically a letter that submits the proposed ordinance to the state, showing they intend to adopt the ordinance.

Mrs. Milne read the police report, as police chief Shane Guggenmos had to leave the meeting before it was over. She passed around a proposed new schedule for the police department, and also a bill from Troy's Transformations to paint sections of a police car.

For the pool report, council member Bruce Swihart said they planned to stay open Aug. 19, but may have to close on the 17th, depending on when school started for pool employees.

For council comments, Mrs. Lampe asked Mr. Landenberger about the type of trees to be planted, and placement, in Sawhill Park, and Mr. Jensen talked about the need to fill the recycling position with the city.

The council will meet next, on Monday, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m.



SHOWING THE CATTLE — Colton Neitzel and Joel Hill lead their animals around the arena during the beef show at the county fair.

Herald photo by Tim Burr

## Tags maybe renewed online

Kansans looking to save time and gas by eliminating a visit to a county treasurer's office can now take advantage of the state's online option for renewing vehicle tags without credit card or electronic check processing fees.

For the next 12 months, beginning Wednesday, convenience fees will be waived so more Kansans will renew online at KSWebTags.org.

"With so many people today using their computers, tablets and cell phones to do everything from shopping to sharing photos, we want to make sure they also know they can conveniently renew vehicle registrations from the comfort of home," Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite said.

Most people have three options for renewing their tags. They can visit their county treasurer, renew

by mail or renew online.

The KSWebTags.org online renewal option is available to 1) anyone whose vehicle is registered in Kansas, 2) whose address on the renewal is current, and 3) who has vehicle insurance as required by law.

The online service requires a personal identification number, which is printed on the registration renewal notices Kansans receive in the mail.

### —Helpful Hints—

#### Expanding Frosting

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/calories per serving.

#### Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

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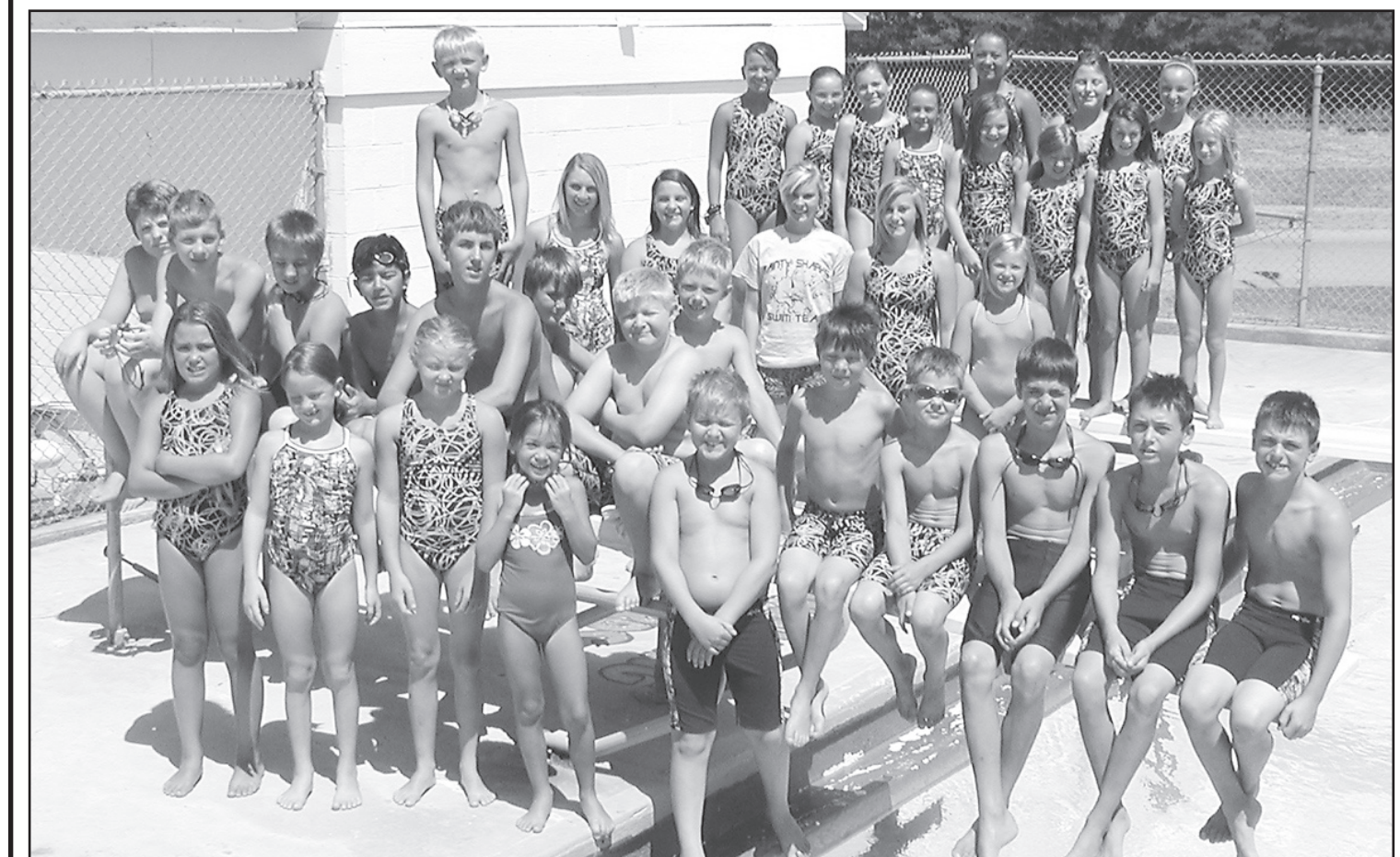
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