

weather
report

83°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 50 degrees

• Humidity 16 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 7 mph

• Barometer 29.76 inches

and falling

• Record High 91° (1987)

• Record Low 14° (1944)

Last 24 Hours*

High 74°

Low 47°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, winds south 15-25 mph, low 45. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, high 70, winds west 20 mph, low 35-40.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of rain, high 55-65, low 25-35. Friday: dry, high 65-75, low 30s. Saturday: dry, high 70s, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.16 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.05

Loan deficiency payment — 40¢

Corn — \$1.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.92

Loan deficiency payment — 7¢

Milo — \$2.63 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.59 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.57

Loan deficiency payment — 32¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.30 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.61

Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

House weighs
open records

TOPEKA — House members don't know what to do with a Senate proposal for strengthening the state's open records law.

The House approved its version of the bill in March. However, senators decided it was so flawed that they scrapped it and substituted their own, then approved it unanimously.

The Senate's version would impose fines of up to \$500 on state and local government agencies that knowingly violate the Kansas Open Records Act. Each local government agency would have to designate an employee to serve as its freedom of information officer.

House members now must decide whether to accept the Senate version and send it to Gov. Bill Graves or ask that a conference committee of three senators and three House members draft a final version.



Crews moving along with area construction

A crew from Recycled Materials Co. out of Arvada, Colo., continued tearing up old pavement on a stretch of I-70 east of town this morning (above). The company tears out the top layer of old concrete, crushes it then recycles it so that it can be used to make a base for the new road. Supervisor Myron Saylor said that they should be done with their part of the job by tomorrow. Behind the Recycled Materials crew will come Sporer Land Development out of Oakley. The whole project is being handled by Koss Construction of Topkea. Before the concrete is ripped out (below), it is being pounded by a giant, lumpy roller pulled by a tractor. Besides the work being done on I-70 between Goodland and Edson, crews are also preparing to start work on K-27. Signs are going up (right) to prepare motorists for the work.

Photos by Debra Turner/The Goodland Daily News



Lutters re-elected as mayor after two decline post

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Chuck Lutters was re-elected as city commission chairman, or mayor, Monday after Jim Mull and Tom Rohr declined the position.

Lutters has been chairman for the past year, and said he was willing to accept the position "because still I have a couple of people I want to appoint to a city committee," he said.

Mull said his job as principal at Grant Junior High would not allow him to be flexible enough to handle the extra ceremonial duties of being chairman.

"I have done it before, and believe it is a great experience for everyone on the commission to be chairman," he said, "but I do not believe I can do it justice."

Rohr said he would not be able to get away from his job either (he is part owner of W-R Equipment) and declined the nomination by Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

Rohr nominated Lutters, and Hurd seconded the motion before he could decline. The vote was 4-0 with Commissioner Rick Billinger absent.

Mull nominated Rohr to be vice-chair and Hurd seconded the motion. Rohr was elected unanimously.

City asked to help straighten out U.S. 24 property lines

Property lines along the north side of Business U.S. 24 may be off by as much as 16 feet between Main and Caldwell streets, a lawyer representing Grace Fellowship Church told the Goodland City Commission on Monday.

Jeff Mason said a problem had come to light about the property lines, that there had been an error in a 1972 survey which means that all the property lines are off between 13 and 16 feet.

He said this problem includes the city's easement for Main Street. Mason said the church is looking at a way to correct all the lines to the existing lines. He said surveyor Greg Pettibone estimated the cost of a corrected survey at \$5,000.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd asked what that might cost the city?

Mason said there are nine or 10 property owners including the city, and the idea was to divide the cost up among the owners.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he could not recommend the city getting involved until the city attorney had a chance to examine the situation.

Terry Richardson of Homestead Realty said the pins for marking the property in the area of the church are all off when measuring from the west to east, but that they are OK when going east to west.

He also said a recent estimate could raise the cost of the new survey to over \$7,500, and that he was not sure all the landowners would be willing to help pay.

The city commission agreed to turn the issue over to Pickman to work with the city attorney to research the situation and make a recommendation.

ceeded with the agenda.

The commission unanimously approved the lease purchase agreement with the First National Bank of Goodland and Bankwest for the financing of the Steever Water Park and the new Memorial Field. Under the resolution, the city will pay \$2.4 million with a 5.27 percent interest rate over 12 years with the first payment due in July for \$275,000, and the final payment is to be July 2011 for \$93,107.

• Agreed to pay \$109,905 to Allied Inc. on the water improvement project. This is nearly the last payment to Allied from the grant and loan funds the city received. A second payment of \$50,826 was approved to Allied for work on the intersections at Main Street, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth. This was a separate project, and the payment is being made from funds held by Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and, the city's engineering firm.

With the completion of the Allied work, the water project will be over 88 percent completed. City Manager Ron Pickman said the final portion will be the drilling of the new wells, and that should begin soon with Clark Well Drilling.

• Accepted a bid of \$69,285 from Prairie Designs of Colby for installation of underground sprinklers for the four softball fields at Centennial Park, and the new Memorial Field baseball diamond. Owner Gery Skolout was at the meeting and said that the design

President puts hold on Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's decision to shelve Taiwan's request to buy four billion-dollar destroyers is likely to touch off a fight with Congress, where support for the island is strong.

The Senate majority leader, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is expected to call for a vote on an arms package for Taiwan, and the White House already is warning of a possible Clinton veto.

At issue is how much the United States is willing to do to protect Taiwan from mainland China and thereby antagonize the Communist leaders in Beijing.

Another powerful Republican senator, Jesse Helms of North Carolina,

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Blood drive needs donors to meet goal

While most of us probably think it's important to donate life-saving blood, most people never do.

The American Red Cross says that only 5 percent of the people in this country donate blood, even though by age 72, 95 percent of us will need blood or a blood product.

But your chance to give is coming. A blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 13th and Sherman in Goodland.

If you have never given before, chances are that you won't be alone. Last year in this area, 20 percent of all donations came from first-timers.

The process includes a health history review, a "mini-physical," and a brief stop in the canteen on the way out, where lunch is served to all donors. The actual donation only takes about six to 10 minutes.

Your donation can be separated into components and be used by three different patients. You could help save a cancer patient, a burn victim and someone undergoing surgery with one donation.

"We have a goal of 100 donations, and although we know everyone is very busy this time of year, we really hope to see more people come out and give this a try," said Dolly Irvin, blood drive chairperson.

Donors must be at least 17, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. Bring photo identification.

If you have questions or to make an appointment, call Irvin at (785) 899-2111 or Martha Gunderson at (785) 899-5933. Walk-ins will be welcomed.

calls for overlapping coverage. The work is not expected to begin until August. There were bids from H and H Sprinklers of Sharon Springs for \$77,167, and from Hitchcock Inc. of Goodland for \$115,766. The city had budgeted \$75,000.

• Approved the low bid of \$80,421 from Southwestern Equipment Co. of Justin, Texas, for a new 4900 Series International single-axle chassis equipped as a solid waste pickup vehicle. The price includes a trade-in of \$20,000 for the city's 1995 truck. The other bids were from Downing Sales and Service from Phillipsburg, Mo., for \$90,776.

• Approved the appointment of Barb Winston, 217 Willow Road, to a four-year term on the library board. She will be taking the place of Lori Price, who has served the maximum of two terms.

• Approved a resolution urging the Kansas Legislature to restore money to the state general fund to pay cities the full amount for the "demand transfers," a sort of revenue sharing program.

• Set 7 p.m. next Tuesday at the commission room for a review of a draft comprehensive plan from Bucher, Willis and Ratliff of Kansas City. Pickman said Price Banks and Debbie Devine will be at the meeting to review the draft.