

Making progress on the new pool



Anita Volk of Rapid City, S.D., an employee for Associated Pool Builders of Bismarck, N.D., used a brown sealer to coat an island which goes out into the big pool at the Steever Water Park in Goodland. The pool is supposed to be open by summer.
Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Parking decisions still not settled

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half-ton pickup trucks sometimes are tagged for weights higher than 12,000 pounds. City Attorney Perry Warren said, though, that you could use the state's standard to find out the actual weight, and Police Chief Ray Smea suggested using the manufacturer's gross vehicle rating.

The proposed ordinance was voted down 3-2, and the police department and Warren were asked to meet and try to determine what Warren's interpretation of the present code is.

The commissioners approved a bid from the Hays branch of Shears APAC-Kansas Inc., for \$294,054 to replace bricks on Main at the intersections of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets.

The branch, formerly known as Allied, has done work in Goodland before. The bid is contingent on approval by the Kansas Department of Transportation since it is a grant project. The state will pay 70 percent of the cost and the city will pay 30 percent.

Pickman said the city has \$120,000 set aside in its budget for its share. The project wouldn't start until June and would be completed in 90 working days.

The commission opened six bids Friday on a 105 horsepower tractor for the sewer treatment division. The city has \$44,662 in the budget for the tractor, purchase with trade-in. The bid from Goodland Greenline for \$43,000 was accepted.

A change order was approved on the water park project at Steever Park. Pickman said Associated Pool Builders of Bismarck, N.D., wanted to eliminate the ceramic tiles at zero depth entry and walk-in step area and instead use epoxy paint on the surfaces. This will decrease the contract amount by \$3,312, which would make the total \$1,284,388.

Commissioners approved a motion to vacate alley rights-of-way behind the high school and Max Jones Fieldhouse at the request of the Goodland

School District. The city will maintain the easements.

The commission approved adjusting \$5,047 off the books for uncollected utility charges in 1998.

Then in a resolution about the utility charge-off policy, the commissioners changed the limit from \$5 to \$20 on bills which the city will not pursue in collection. City Clerk Mary Volk said continuing to try to collect these bills does not pay.

Pickman said the city had received four bids for demolition of 316 W. 11th, but only three were accepted because one came in after the deadline. The job was given to Rhoads Construction of Goodland for \$6,400, to be completed by March 30.

The commissioners approved a contract with Sunflower Electric Power Corp. for 4 megawatts of power. Pickman said he and Ed Wolak, public works director, had gone over the market schedules and that this is the best for now. The contract still has to be approved by the Sunflower board.

The city commission will meet again at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 19, on the second floor of the city building.

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Delaware tribes receive offers for potential casino

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — They don't have a home yet but several northeast Kansas towns are interested in listening to the Delaware tribe's proposal to build a \$60 million casino complex.

Officials from Basehor and Tonganoxie, two Leavenworth County towns, met with the tribe's representatives last week to discuss the proposal. In Wyandotte County, Edwardsville

city leaders are planning to invite the tribe to make a presentation.

Those invitations came after the tribe discussed the project with the Leavenworth County Commission last month. Besides a casino, the project would include a hotel and convention center, gift shop and museum.

The Delaware Tribe is looking for other options after its proposal met strong opposition in Douglas County.

Four American Indian tribes already sponsor casinos in northeastern Kansas, but none is in Leavenworth, Wyandotte or Johnson counties.

The tribe has promised to share casino earnings — projected to be about \$25 million a year — with local government in whatever city or county it finally locates. Federal regulations exempt the tribe from property taxes and, for the most part, the project also

would be exempt from sales taxes. However, tribal leaders told civic leaders that they would contribute to the city and area schools.

The tribe has expressed an interest in southern Leavenworth County, which has good highway access. Tonganoxie and Basehor are located near Kansas 7, U.S. 24 and U.S. 40, which are about a mile from the Kansas Speedway in western Kansas City, Kan.

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The four-time sub-state champion Brewster Bulldogs display their record of success. Brewster's seniors have never lost at home and they have never failed to qualify for the state tournament. Team members are (from left) front — Tyson Dixon, Bobby Tubbs, Brett Arnberger, Jay Reid, Clint Horinek; back — head coach Larry O'Connor, Rob Garner, Travis Dixon, Jacob Falcon, P.J. Crumbaker, J.R. Baird, John Luckert, Justin Jamison and assistant Jon McKee.

Tuesday, Mar. 6 - 7:30 p.m. Track KSHSAA Rules Meeting @ Oakley; Wednesday, Mar. 7-Saturday, Mar. 10 - 1-A State Basketball Tournament at Hays; Monday, Mar. 12 - 7:30 p.m. BOE Meeting.

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