

K-27 lights city problem

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\$5,000 for four weeks of labor.

The lights were installed on property owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation, Pickman said, and they gave the city permission to put the lights in at city expense and with the condition that the city is responsible for repairs.

This agreement prevents the city from suing the contractor, he said, or seeking money from the state.

The city could light the intersections, Billinger suggested, and not the road between. Lutters suggested lighting only the east side of the intersections and Hurd said maybe the signs for Eighth, 12th and 16th Streets could be moved to Cattletrail and the lights could be installed on city property.

If they light only the east side of the intersections, Rohr said, the city may need to light the west side of 16th, which is the entrance to Finley Motors, property that was recently annexed into the city.

K-27 north from 16th is outside the city limits, Pickman said, and the city has no obligation to light it. Commissioners said they were concerned about the safety if the lights are not replaced.

Public Works Director Ed Wolak said he would get prices for two or three options.

In other business:

- The commission approved a resolution supporting a Regional Strategic Plan and requesting the Secretary of Commerce and Housing to re-approve Goodland as an Enterprise Zone.

- The mayor proclaimed November National Hospice Month.

- The city manager asked the commissioners to attend the county commission meeting today for a discussion on recycling.

- The commission approved payments of \$88,404 to APAC/Shears for work on the Brick Intersection Project and 3,276 to Evans, Bierly and Hutchinson and Associates, Engineers, for inspection of the work.

- The commission approved a request for reimbursement of \$64,176 from the state Department of Transportation for the project.

Getting bricks level...



Once the center part of the Eighth Street intersection was completed, the brick laying crew had to finish tying each side to the original street together. Then getting the bricks smooth was a lot like dealing with lumpy concrete. The Sixth Street intersection has been completed and reopened to traffic. Eighth Street should be done by the end of the week, said City Manager Ron Pickman, and the crew has started on the southwest corner of Seventh Street, which will be totally closed when Eighth is reopened.

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City celebrates first Veterans Day

EMPORIA (AP) — In the town where Veterans Day began, patriotism is more than a word for people who know firsthand the price of freedom.

For many, patriotism is an abstract term, or a concept forgotten by many during their daily lives.

But for others like Ken Bradstreet, a 76-year-old World War II combat veteran, it's a word with deep meaning, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Patriotism is the willingness to fight for your freedom and when it gets down to fighting for freedom, do it. It's better to die for freedom than surrender," added Bradstreet, who was wounded three times fighting in Europe.

Patriotism is special for Emporia because this is where Veterans Day began.

Before 1954, Nov. 11 was known as Armistice Day, honoring World War I veterans. But Alvin J. King, who operated a downtown shoe store, thought that should change after World War II.

He led efforts to change it to Veterans Day. In 1953, Veterans Day first was celebrated in this Lyon County town.

King then convinced U.S. Rep. Ed Rees, also of Emporia, to push the idea through Congress. President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law — and Veterans Day became a national event in 1954.

Friends have no clue in shooting

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near Fort Collins, he said, and the young man fell in love with the mountains while visiting.

He said he talked to Ted, Mark's father, when the boy came home for the summer, and he said Mark planned to return to Fort Collins in the fall, but not to college.

"He and some other guys had a house there," he said. "Ted said he was going out there, but not going to school."

McQuiston, who teaches marketing at Butler, said Mark could have fallen in with the wrong crowd in Colorado.

He said he heard the young man had been hospitalized for dehydration a couple of days before he was shot and checked himself out against doctor's orders, but his roommates hadn't bothered to call his parents. A receptionist at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins said Mark had been in the hospital, but wouldn't release dates or information.

McQuiston said the roommates are still keeping their lips tight.

"I'm sure they know a lot more than anyone else," he added.

But the man who rents the basement of the house where Mark lived with his roommates said he has no clue.

"He was a really nice, bright young man," said the 26-year-old, who wouldn't give his name. He said Mark's roommates were in Indiana for the funeral.

"I don't know either what was going on in his head. None of us know why. We're just as confused as you are."

The man, who said he is a kitchen manager and doesn't attend Colorado State, said he thinks police officers here must be embellishing the story, because he can't believe Mark could

physically or mentally do the things they described.

"I think the police are not telling the truth," he said. "I don't know how a police force can't handle a 19-year-old without shooting him. I think there's no doubt anyone could have stopped him. They could have maced him or shocked him."

The man said Mark, whose nickname was "Palmer," was tall, but scrawny, weighing only about 129 pounds.

McQuiston had the same question. "I'm not blaming the police," he said, "but I just can't understand how Mark could have done the things he did."

Drugs may be the only explanation, he said.

"He had to be on something that altered his mind," McQuiston said.

Mark's neighbor in Fort Collins wouldn't say whether the young man had experimented with drugs, but noted that sober people can become violent, too.

"Someone doesn't have to be on drugs to be thinking how he was thinking," he said. "I've seen straight-laced people attack people."

He said Mark planned to enroll at a community college in Fort Collins, possibly because he couldn't afford to attend Colorado State anymore.

While the neighbor said he didn't know much about Mark's personal life, he said he thought the Sept. 11 attacks had depressed the young man.

"He said he had a lot of stress," the neighbor said, adding that he thinks Mark was headed home when he wrecked his car on I-70.

The neighbor said he knew Mark had to go to the emergency room, but he didn't know what for and he didn't

think it was his business to call his parents.

He said he hadn't seen Mark for about a week before his death, which the roommates found out about that Saturday morning when an investigator called from Kansas.

McQuiston said it was pretty unbelievable to see Mark laying in the coffin.

"Some kids in the neighborhood, well, I could see that happening to them," he said, "but not Mark. Never in a million years."

Druggist seeking charge reduction

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Lawyers for a pharmacist accused of diluting chemotherapy drugs are seeking to have some charges dismissed, contending prosecutors have failed to state how any cancer patients were harmed.

In a series of motions filed Monday in U.S. District Court, attorneys for Robert Courtney also asked that the trial be held outside Missouri.

Courtney was indicted Aug. 23 on 20 counts of tampering with, misbranding and adulterating the chemotherapy drugs Gemzar and Taxol prescribed for eight cancer patients.

Prosecutors allege intravenous solutions Courtney prepared earlier this year at his Research Medical Tower Pharmacy contained less Gemzar and Taxol than the patients' doctor had ordered.

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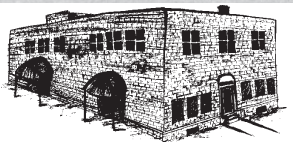
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