

Leadership group asks city for money

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Leadership Sherman County has been running for 10 years, and the city commission was told last Monday an infusion of money is needed to help keep the program going.

Doug Sederstrom, leadership secretary who is with the Goodland Energy Center, said the leadership group is proud of the success the program has had over the first 10 years, and hopes to continue building on that in the next 10 years.

Sederstrom said the problem is the costs are getting ahead of the modest income. He said the class has been running in a hole the last few years and is losing \$500 to \$1,000 a year.

He said the student fees are \$200, and that is all their cost. All other things are paid out of donations. He said with a class of 10 that gives them \$2,000 and they spent \$3,000 last year. He said the leadership board gets some donations runs a carnival ride at the fair and helps set up and tear down for the craft shows to raise money.

"We like to give the money from the carnival ride back to the carnival," Sederstrom said, "but last year we could not do that."

He said the biggest expense is the trip to Topeka, which costs about \$2,000. He said the bus has cost about \$1,000, and they had taken it jointly with Thomas County. He said the plan is not to do a joint bus this next year, and that may be a savings.

"I look up there (city commission) and see at least three or four people who have gone through the program," he said. "I think it has been a successful program and would ask you to take that into consideration."

Sederstrom said he would like to see the city and county each give \$1,500 to give the program enough to continue for at least another 10 years.

Mayor Rick Billinger thanked Sederstrom for coming, and that the city would look at the request during the budget process.

City Commissioners Dave Daniels and Josh Dechant have been through the leadership program and City Manager Wayne Hill and City Clerk Mary Volk have completed the program.

In other business the commission:

- Approved a change order for the construction project on the intersections at Eighth and Caldwell and Armory Road and Caldwell that was a reduction of \$2,983 to Bryant and Bryant. Hill said this was after the quantities had been adjusted, and this closes out that contract.

- Approved a payment request to Sherman County for Sporer Land Development of \$131,887 on the 17th Street project. Hill said the project is moving well, and they have finally used up the pre-payment portion of the project.

- Received a check from Eklund Insurance presented by Jeanette Ruddell and Jacque Drennan. Ruddell said EMC Insurance, which has the city policy had a profit from the utility safety group, and the city received a check for part of this and an adjustment for the audit from last year. The check she handed to Billinger was for \$17,712.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on Monday, June 18, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building at 204 W. 11th.

Owners have 90 days

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said. "There are two other properties next to this one."

The house at 1519 Montana is owned by Samara Bostwick, and Criswell said, and he had been in contact with her. She and Kevin Hall, were at the hearing.

"They did pull a building permit to start remodeling," Criswell said. "They asked how long we would give them."

"I told them 90 days. They do want to remodel it. The structure is pretty sound."

"That is what we want," Billinger said, "to fix them up or tear them down."

Criswell said he thought the city could depend on the owner's good faith without doing a resolution at this time. Garcia said he thought

Criswell should keep track.

Dechant said he felt there should be a resolution giving them 90 days.

"That is what we did for Robert Cowan when he was here," Dechant said.

"I have no problem with that," Garcia said.

"I think that is to be fair," Dechant said. "If the owners need more time, we can review it at that time."

The commission agreed and Criswell was told to draft two resolutions.

Criswell said two of the houses in the first round are being demolished while the third is being remodeled.

He said Cowan's house at 204 W. 16th is being remodeled. A house at 526 W. 16th, owned by Jimmy Clift, is being demolished, and a house at 510 W. 15th, owned by Louis B. and Diana D. Spinney, is gone.

K-27 second round of paving underway



The second lift of paving is underway on the north end of the 14-mile K-27 highway project south of town, and crews from Western Engineering, prime contractor, were about 4 miles south on Thursday afternoon. The 'shuttle buggy' holds about 30 tons of

asphalt — about one semitrailer load — and using a conveyor belt moves the asphalt to the laydown machine to keep an even layer of about three inches of asphalt.

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Kids learn new skills

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said. Randy Bellamy provided the place for no charge, he said, and only asked that everyone clean up after themselves.

Mannis said they want to keep attendance somewhere between 50 and 60 for the annual event.

Everyone was treated to a lunch of hot dogs, buffalo burgers until they ran out and then elk burgers with cookies and pop. The kitchen crew was headed up by Steve, Colleen and Aaron Duell.

Sponsors for this year's youth day were Bellamy Farms, Pheasants Forever, Buffalo Guys, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Bob's Wildlife Taxidermy, the Kansas State Troopers Association, the Sherman County attorney, Dr. Kenneth Austin, Dan Brenner Ford, S&T Communication, Frontier Ag, Lonny's Quality Auto Body, Aquila Natural Gas, First National Bank, American Family Insurance, the Insurance Agency, McB's, Dennis Shoff, Midwest Energy, Bankwest, Unruh Chiropractic, Goodland Machine, People's State Bank, Topside Office Products, Sherman County, Kear's Party Mix, Cowboy Loop, Western

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