

Homeowners given time to fix, demolish homes

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in February. This does stress me out.
 "We have worked on this house, and I am trying as hard as I can. I feel it is back in order."
 Billinger said the city could see he has done some work and appreciates the effort.
 Commissioner Josh Dechant said the city commission has been working for more than a year to get people to bring houses up to code or demolish them.
 Boyles asked if the push was about beautification and that he had improved the outside of the house and painted it.
 "It does look better," Dechant

said, "but the inspector has found code violations."
 Boyles said he needs more time and that he has to go back to Arizona.
 Billinger said if Boyles would meet with Criswell to do an inspection of the house the city would give him time to get it fixed.
 "You have demonstrated you are trying to fix it up," Billinger said. "If you get past the electrical deal that is probably the biggest obstacle."
 Boyles said he had tried to talk to Criswell about the house, and that Criswell had not been willing to answer his questions and had asked him to leave his office.
 At this point, Boyles went over to his seat and brought out a cassette

tape player he placed in front of the mayor and plugged in.
 "I want you to hear how he treated me," Boyles said.
 Billinger said he did not want to hear the tape and that the commissioners had already agreed to give Boyles as much time as needed to get the house up to code.
 City Attorney Jeff Mason, who was at the meeting at City Manager Wayne Hill's request, stepped forward and told Boyles that the mayor was in charge of the meeting.
 "Can I have my say here?" Boyles asked.
 "We are postponing this hearing," Billinger said. "We are going to give you time to get this finished."
 "I don't need more time," Boyles

said pointing to two of the pages he had handed out to the commissioners. "The house is under the grandfather clause, and that makes it legal. It does not have to abide by the new construction rules."
 Billinger asked about the plumbing of the house.
 Criswell said he did not know about the plumbing inside the house, but that there was a vent stack on the outside that needed to be replaced.
 Boyles again began to talk about how the house was under the grandfather clause.
 "The mayor has requested that we finish this," Mason said.
 "Can I read this?" Boyles asked, holding the two pages up.
 "We don't need to hear it,"

Billinger said. "We have agreed with you and will give you additional time. If you need to go to Arizona for health reasons we will postpone this until you return."
 "We are not going to tear this house down. You have the outside looking good."
 "I have it all done inside and outside," Boyles said. "It is all legal."
 Billinger said that would have to be determined after an inspection by Criswell.
 "Do you recognize the grandfather clause?" Boyles asked.
 Criswell said the grandfather clause does not cover everything.
 Boyles again began to insist on reading the information to the commissioners and his wife came up

from behind to ask him to quit.
 "We are closing his hearing," Billinger said. "We are working with you."
 Boyles asked the commissioners to promise to read his information and finally left the meeting following his wife out.
 Later in the meeting the commissioners decided not to take any action on the Boyles house at this time, and will bring it back if needed next year.
 Hill said he had asked Mason and a police officer to be present because of the problems the staff had when Boyles come in to talk to him and to Criswell before the meeting.

City of Goodland begins search to fill manager position next year

By Tom Betz

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 Goodland will have a new city manager next year, and the commission approved a contract on Monday with the Kansas League of Municipalities to assist with the advertising and application process beginning immediately.
 The commission met in closed session for 10 minutes on Monday and when they came out Commissioner Josh Dechant made the motion to approve a contract with the Kansas League of Municipalities to help with the advertising and application process at a cost of \$4,484 plus the advertising.
 The commissioner unanimously approved the contract they had negotiated behind closed doors during the meeting on Oct. 6.
 When asked when the process would begin Mayor Rick Billinger said he thought it was already underway as City Manager Wayne Hill had put out the work through his city manager network.
 He said the league will do the advertising and collect the applications and pre-screen them to give

the commissioners the top 15 or so to review and determine how many they want to interview.
 Based on how the process went more than three years ago when Hill was hired, the advertising should start in the next week and applications will be accepted through most of November.
 Once the applications are received by the league they will screen the applicants to see who may be the best candidates, and bring those to the commissioners for their review.
 The commissioners will be able to see all the applications, and can add any to the preliminary pool they feel should be considered.
 Another review of the top candidates will cut the number down to those the commissioners feel should be interviewed.
 The contract with the league three years ago cost the city \$4,166 plus about \$1,000 in advertising bills.
 At that time, the city advertised and the league received about 37 applicants for the position. Interviews were held in June and early July with at least half a dozen candidates.
 Hill was hired during the first

meeting in August 2005, and his first day of work was Aug. 15. He resigned under a provision in his contract in September, and the commission has 90 days to find his replacement.
 The ad the league ran three years ago said "The City of Goodland (population, 5,000) is seeking a city manager to handle the duties of an "independent, full service city including electric, water and wastewater utilities. Goodland is located in northwestern Kansas and serves as a major retail outlet for northwest Kansas, southern Nebraska and eastern Colorado."
 The ad said the city has a \$14.6 million budget and 61 employees. The city is asking for applicants who have at least a bachelor's degree and three to five years of municipal management experience, though a master's degree in public administration is preferred. The salary range is \$65,000 to \$75,000, depending on qualifications. (Hill makes about \$71,000) A resume and cover letter are to be sent to the league office in Topeka.

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Woman running for county seat job

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 oncology nurse in Denver. An oncology nurse works with patients who have leukemia and lymphoma and are receiving chemotherapy.
 "I really liked it," she said.
 She has two grown children, Jill and Bryan. Jill works for Sunflower Wind and lives in Goodland. Bryan works for AMD in Ft. Collins. He is married to Kelly and they have a

three month old daughter, Tessa.
 In 2004 she and Tom Billenwillms were married and the couple lives in Goodland. They grow wheat and corn in the Kanorado area.
 "If and when taxes need to be raised it needs to be done extremely carefully and where funds are going needs to be carefully thought out," Strnad said. "With other people's money I'm fiscally conservative."

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