

Building most complicated contract

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was caused because the stainless steel came from China and they had cut back on the amount of nickel in the steel. He said he is recommending a higher grade of stainless steel and it is a higher grade and requires higher nickel in the steel.

Daniels asked if the water tanks were going outside the building.

Hollar said they will be outside and there will be two tanks 35 feet tall and 22 feet diameter.

Neufeld said the tanks will help get the water up into the water towers.

Billinger said this was different than the underground tank in the original plan.

Hollar said the above ground tanks will be less expensive than underground.

Simon said having two will give them the ability to work with one down if needed to do maintenance.

Daniels asked if the pump could

get the water into the towers now and what makes a difference.

Neufeld said the wells don't have enough head power to get the water into the system with the new larger lines, and the tanks and pumps will handle that.

He said the tanks will have an inside system to circulate the water and will not add any air to the water lines. The two tanks are 90,000 gallons each, and will be similar in size to the more than 100 year old 100,000 gallon city stand pipe at Ninth and Center.

The other alternate the commissioners accepted was for seeding the site at a cost of \$1,926.

An option for a fancier fence than the chain link included in the base bid was turned down by the commissioners. Going with a steel tube fence similar to what is around the Steever Water Park would have added \$41,993 to the cost.

Billinger said he would not approve spending that kind of money

for a fence.

Miller said he had bid three other projects under the stimulus program, and none of them have been accepted because the costs went over the estimates.

Hollar said one big reason is because of the Buy American clause requiring more of the products to be manufactured in the U.S. where in the past the Buy American would recognize products manufactured outside the U.S. but assembled in the U.S.

He said the total was about 10 percent over the engineer's estimate, but he was thrilled they had come in under the maximum budget.

A question was asked about when the contractors could be expected to start construction.

Miller said he was hoping to start by April depending on weather and ground conditions.

Billinger said with the total project the city could be lower than the \$4.8 million loan estimate.

Neufeld said the building and water line contractors have 365 calendar days to complete the work and the evaporation pond contractor will have 135 calendar days.

A suggestion was made to go back to the Goodland School Board and ask to buy an additional five acres to put the evaporation ponds next to the water treatment building.

Billinger said it would be worth asking the school board as it would save the city about \$100,000 to not have to pipe the waste water to the Goodland Industrial Park on the west side of K-27.

The suggestion was that if the city could buy five acres at \$10,000 an acre that would split the savings and make it a win-win with the schools getting \$50,000 and the city saving \$50,000.

Gerber said he would talk to Superintendent Shelly Angelos and see if that would be possible.

City approves contracts, project total under budget

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ers up on the Internet through the Sutton, Neb., city web site. He said it appeared they were a competent company who have been in business more more than 20 years.

"I just wanted to ask," Daniels said, "so three years from now we don't find ourselves saying 'why did

we use a company we did not know anything about.'"

Hollar said EBH will be working closely with all the contractors to make sure the projects are completed as planned.

He said the city could be getting more than 20 percent loan forgiveness. He said depending on the final figures from the state the city could

get 21 or 22 percent or more in loan forgiveness.

Fairbanks made the motion to accept the bid from Van Kirk Brothers for the waterline contract. Daniels seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

The evaporation ponds was the second contract Hollar brought up for approval.

The recommendation was to accept the low bid of Sporer Land Development of \$362,500. The other two bidders were Smoky Hill, \$546,750, and McCormick \$487,848.

There were no questions on pond contract, and Daniels made the motion to approve seconded by Dechant. Vote was 4-0.

Hope powerful word for cancer survivor

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cludes Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Hawaii and Guam.

Barkley was presented with the traditional Fight Back purple shirt, designating him a survivor. Being named a Hero of Hope is significant, because it involves letters of recommendation to the Kansas Division of the American Cancer Society, where the honorees are selected and announced. Heroes of Hope dates back to the Class of 2006. Ashley Kear of Goodland was named to the Class of 2009.

Ironically, Barkley, just one day after completing his radiation treatments on Aug. 13, 2008, walked the survivors lap at the Sherman County Relay for Life.

Barkley was quick to point out that Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's largest fund raising event, and in the same breath encouraged people in the community to become volunteers. He was a volunteer for several years before his diagnosis.

"We need more birthdays" he said, in reference to the ACS' goal of producing more cancer survivors.

HOPE, the much used word, stands for: **H**onor Survivors; **O**ffer Opportunities; **P**rovide Hope Information; **E**ngages Survivors/

Care Givers.

HEROES stands for: **H**elp People; **E**mpower Others To Spread The Word; **R**aise Awareness About ACS; **O**ffer Hope; **E**ncourage Involvement and **S**ave Lives.

While undergoing treatments, Barkley took advantage of an arrangement Hays Medical Center had with one of the motels in Hays whereby those patients needing to stay over could rent a room for \$10 a night. "That was a real savings for us," he said. Treatments are given 5 days a week, none on weekends.

He asked that he be able to personally thank the following people at the cancer unit for everything they had done for him: nurse Mary Schlyer; technicians Andrea Ottley, Jamie Richards and Melissa Roe; clinical assistant Babe Breit; and the unit's receptionist Autum Wolff.

Barkley, as a Hero of Hope, is available to talk throughout the community to clubs, organizations, schools, lunches, etc. — large or small. He is an advocate for the mission of the American Cancer Society, "and I look forward to telling their story to as many people as possible," he said.

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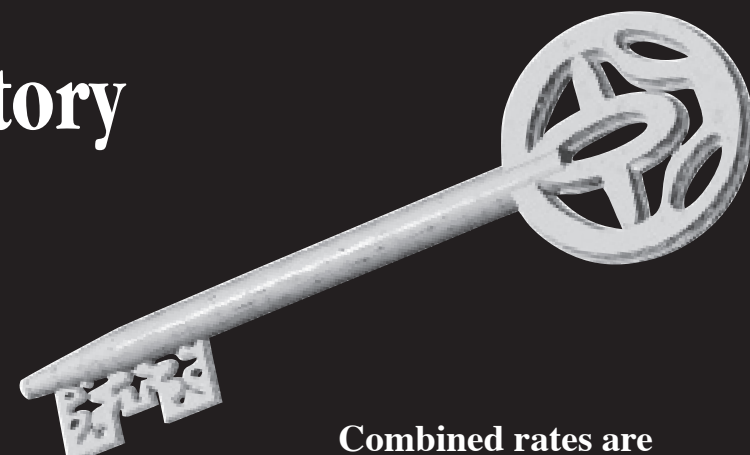
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