City crews traverse town for clean up week

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truck. metal and electronic items were picked up and put in the bobtail truck.

It did not take but a few minutes for the crew to clean up the piles on both sides of the street in one block and head on to the next.

Another crew was working along Caldwell later in the afternoon.

Gerber said he and the city staff were learning from the effort. He said everyone of the city crew was out helping at least one day this week including the city clerk, municipal judge, police chief and all the office people as well as the utility, sewer, water, parks, streets police, fire and power plant crews.

"I am proud of how the city staff has responded," he said. "They are all doing a good job, and we are pleased to be cleaning up the city." He said Thursday it is possible he will have a small crew going around next week to pickup piles they have missed with the clean up week to be done by today.

"We felt like we had reached the halfway point at noon on Wednesday," he said.

He does not know how many tons of trash, limbs and other material has been hauled to the transfer station, but expects to have a figure next week.

He told the commissioners on Monday the clean up week is sort of step one in a multi-step process.

"We are helping clean things up," he said, "and we are going to help in the future, but later we will try to help people help themselves by keeping on top of them to keep things cleaned up.'

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Billinger said.

"I thought we were buying one

pickup," Commissioner Rick

Dechant said when the staff talk-

ed about the pickup in the previous

meeting Gerber said they would be

coming back to buy a second one.

Gerber said the first pickup being

traded is a 1991 Ford, half ton, 4x4,

with 132,212 miles. He said the city

staff likes to rotate vehicles instead

of trading, but feels this vehicle

should not be used by the city be-

He said the second pickup is a

1988 Ford with 130,200 miles.

director, plans to rotate the new

truck with his current truck a 2007

cause it has multiple problems.



The house at 14th and Colorado received a return visit from the city crews on Thurs- crews have been going back to many locations during the week as people have added day. The piles of construction debris were added on Wednesday evening. The city to the piles of trash. Photo by Sheila Smith/The Goodland Star-News

He said the city would be sending ity bills.

out letters on a regular basis to keep things cleaned up. "In the future we need to look at

helping get rid of the dead trees," he said. "We are working on the ones in the alley where the trees are interfering with the power lines, but we need to look at a general tree clean up in the future."

Gerber reminded the commissioners about Customer Appreciation Week that will be held all next week with prizes and treats at the administration building for all those

He said all those who come in to pay their bills can enter a drawing for a free month of utilities for the month of December.

In addition Gerber showed the commissioners an example of a Welcome to Goodland bag the city will be handing out to people who come in and sign up for utilities. He said the bag will include special promotions and coupons from many Goodland businesses and lots of information from the city. He said Mary Volk's staff including Shauna who are coming in to pay their util- Johnson, Crystal VanVleet and

Sharmis Blake have been working vided things for the bags and more a number of businesses have pro- the future.

on the welcome bags. He said quite are expected to have materials in and be both gold and black.

He said the bags are to be ordered

Van Gogh tree plans unveiled

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tronic directory similar to the one being purchased for the Goodland Cemetery. She said that could cost up to \$30,000, but feels businesses could be encouraged to help by buying advertising space in the directory.

Another concern Fairbanks said was the condition of the painting, and that it needs some work and maintenance.

A series of photos were taken and sent to Cross, she said. He said he had a good look at the photos and felt the painting has faded. He said it appeared some screw holes were damaged on the top left of the painting. He said it doesn't look like a huge concern, but if not checked and repaired now could be a major problem in the future with water damage to the wood behind the painting.

He said someone with a cherry picker should take a bucket of resin up and check out the holes. He said another good idea would be to clean the painting with soap and water.

Fairbanks said the big question is Who is responsible?"

She said the Resource Develop-

ment committee has invited a person USA group, said he felt the effort from each group to come to their next would spring board off the other meeting at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, at On the Bricks, to discuss the next step.

Ultimately the contract is with Sunflowers USA, Cameron Cross and another agreement with Sun- Wichita was in town over the weekflowers USA and the Convention and Visitors Bureau, she said.

"We need to enhance this asset and take care of it," Fairbanks said

Gerber said he understood the talk about the duties falling to the city.

"I don't want the city to be where everyone turns to," he said, "but I feel strongly this is an asset and that no one else is going to take care of it. I feel the city should step up and help take care of this."

Fairbanks said the step three is to begin the process of examining the painting and fixing it if needed. She said Sunflowers USA has no money. She said the group had similar plans, but ran out of money.

Jessica Cole, chairman of the Beautification committee said the city as a whole needs to take advantage of the painting and make it a real positive asset.

Commissioner John Garcia, who was part of the original Sunflowers buy two trees.

artwork being done in the community like the mural on the north side of the thrift shop.

He said a representative from end. He had not been to Goodland in several years and told him he was pleased to see things were starting to happen.

"I appreciate your promotion," Commissioner Rick Billinger said. Whatever it is you come up with it should be easy to get the businesses to help support it with advertising dollars.

"As far as the city goes, it is our property, and sort of an extension of our parks."

Garcia said one thing that needs to be in the education of the public on the project is that no tax payers money was used in the original project.

Gerber said he was glad to hear the commissioners be supportive.

Dechant said it goes with what the commissioners are trying to do to beautify the city.

Fairbanks said after the meeting she had one person say they would

department. The water department used one. truck a 1996 Ford with 123,800

Purchase approved for new, used pickup

plant because it is less driven. Dechant said he asked Dan Brenner why the used pickup price he would agree with the \$15,000 for was so high, and said Brenner said it was because the resale price was holding up and that the discounts find one they will be back to ask for given to the government drop the new price quite a bit.

"If we had authority to buy a used have bought the one from Finley."

a good plan. He said the figure for a used pickup needs to be less than \$18,000, because at that point the passed 5-0. He said Rich Simon, public works city might as well buy a new one.

to approve purchase on one new for \$24,946, and from Herl Chevro-

pickup," Gerber said, "we could

Dechant said he thought \$13,000 miles will be rotated to the sewer to \$15,000 would be right for a

used one. Commissioner John Garcia said a used pickup.

Gerber said if the staff doesn't the second new one from Brenner Ford.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks made the motion to purchase a new one from Dan Brenner and give staff Billinger said that sounded like authority up to \$15,000 to buy a used pickup. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dave Daniels and

Other bids for a new extended cab Gerber asked for the commission were received from Finley Motors

Gerber said he had not had any

"The important thing is to get

with Sherman County," he said. "I

Garcia made the motion to go

would like to begin advertising."

come back and re-evaluate it later.

Fairbanks seconded and the vote

Ford with 28,000 miles to the water one and give the staff a figure for a let for \$24,402.

City approves development program agreement

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There has been a lack of cooperation in the past."

Commissioner John Garcia said he agreed in the past there had been come cooperation between the Chamber and Economic Development offices. He said he was open to move in whatever direction will do the best for the city and county.

Fairbanks said the Chamber does

She said maybe someone could the county commissioners. be hired under the umbrella of the economic development program. response to the agreement yet. She said she felt it would be good to get the Chamber up and running started and approve the agreement and doing well.

"I think you know my philosophy," Gerber said. "I throw an idea out and see what you think. We ahead with the agreement. He said on then tweak it until we can make it the other details the commission can work.'

Mayor Josh Dechant asked if Gernot have the money to hire someone. ber had any more conversation with was 5-0.

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