

Consultant hired to survey engines for compliance

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New Environmental Protection Administration regulations could cost the city up to \$100,000 to bring the big diesel engines of the power plant into compliance, and as part of the process the city is participating in a Kansas Municipal Electric Association project to hire a consultant.

City Manager Doug Gerber told the commissioners the EPA had new standards for hazardous air pollution sources and it affects the city power plant diesel engines. The complex regulation deals with reciprocating internal combustion engines and regulating the exhaust gases. The city has 10 large diesel engines at the power plant, and the regulation will affect every power plant with similar engines.

He said the KMEA is hiring Trinity Consultants of Lenexa, to help guide the participating cities through the process to comply with the regulations.

Gerber said he feels it is a stupid rule, and he would rather not have to deal with it at all, but feels the KMEA plan is the best way to handle the compliance needs. He said the final cost of the project will depend on the number of cities participating, and feels it will probably be about \$700, but it could go as high as \$1,000.

The consultant will develop a list of affected engines, determine which engines are feasible for retrofitting with pollution control devices, select another firm to conduct testing, review the test data and select equipment supplies.

Gerber said he was recommending the

commission approve the resolution to allow the mayor and staff to execute the agreement and for Rod Blake, power plant superintendent, and himself to work through the process.

He said potentially there are 3,000 to 5,000 engines around the state that will have to be retrofitted. The cities have to be in compliance by 2013.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked if the city has to do this for all 10 engines or if the city could put some up for emergency use only.

Gerber said if the city puts an engine on emergency use that hampers the city, and he was not sure the EPA considers a power outage as an emergency.

Roy Wassemiller, power plant employee, said the problem with putting engines on

emergency only is you have to derate the power plant by that amount.

Gerber said that would be a problem with the Sunflower contract for supplemental power when it is called on to run the plant.

"Sounds like we will have to do this," Billinger said.

Commissioner John Garcia said the city would be working with KMEA to hire Trinity to do the survey of the engines and then hire another firm to conduct the testing.

Gerber said the city would pay KMEA up front, and then it depends on how many cities participate.

He said Blake will be doing a presentation about this issue at the KMEA meeting in November.

The commissioners approved the resolution 5-0.

As part of the consent agenda the commissioners unanimously approved Cereal Malt Beverage licenses for Bowladium and Presto #1612.

The commissioners approved the low bid for city audit from Agler and Gaedderdt of Ottawa for \$9,980. Gerber said the cost could be lower if the city does not have to do a single audit because of the federal money.

A single audit would be required if the city has had more than \$500,000 in federal money in the year. He said they would not know that until the end of the year.

Considering the cost of the last two audits at \$15,000 and \$20,000 Garcia said it was a no-brainer and made the motion to accept the Agler and Gaedderdt bid. Commissioner Dave Daniels second and the motion passed 5-0.

Flu clinic brings out large crowd

More than 100 people were waiting in line Tuesday afternoon at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the Sherman County Health Department's mass flu shot clinic. A total of 564 people went through the clinic in the four hours. Once the doors opened things moved along well, and by 2:30 p.m. there was no line and people could get right in. The Sherman County Health Department staff said they have flu vaccine available for those who might have missed the clinic.

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Julie Sutton entertained for the Spaghetti dinner at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Arts Council spaghetti dinner held at Methodist Fellowship Hall

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People enjoyed an evening of dining on spaghetti and music sung by singer, songwriter Julie Sutton on Saturday night at the Goodland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The supper was given by the Goodland Arts Council and over 60 people attended.

Sutton accompanied herself on the guitar and sang original pieces that she had written about her life, family and experiences. She had songs about her two sons, her husband and home. Sutton is from Winfield and she has found an

environment that has nourished her talent at Winfield.

The meal was prepared and served by the board members of the Goodland Arts Council. The meal was tossed greens with vinaigrette, spaghetti with meat sauce, toasted garlic bread and tiramisu with coffee or tea to drink.

The board members are Jacques Schields, Tom Purvis, Avis Alcorn, Emilee McGuire, Debbie Bantam, Dana Fulcher, Krista Hamilton, Nancy Kear, Karen Loudon, Linda Lucas, Charla Miller, Gaylene Shank, Elwyn Vatcher and Roxie Yonkey.

Upcoming events for the Carnegie Arts Center are a children's workshop from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. The exhibit for November will be Trains Past and Present by Jarvis Young, Jeff Mason, Dean Oharah and Greg Sorwell. The opening with scale trains is Sunday, Nov. 7. The Christmas gift sale will also start then. The Holiday Home Tour with four homes will be from 4 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The Carnegie Arts Center will be open and have a bake sale too.

The council will be starting their membership drive in December. For questions call 890-6442.

Highway meeting set for Hays

Regional meetings to gather public input on how state transportation dollars should be invested continue next week across the state by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Regional meeting continue with one at 9 a.m. on Monday at the Abilene Fairgrounds, 619 N. Rogers. A meeting will be in Hays at 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Ramada Hays Hotel and Convention Center, 3603 Vine St., and in Liberal at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the Seward County Event Center, 810 Stadium Ave.

The first local consultation meeting was held Oct. 8 in Independence and the final meeting will be held in Hutchinson on Oct. 28. Information gathered at the meetings will help guide decisions about where to spend about \$1.7 billion in major highway expansion and modernization projects.

The spending was authorized

in the new transportation program T-WORKS that was passed by the Kansas Legislature in May.

The October meetings follow four regional workshops (and a fifth online meeting) in August and September designed to inform communities about the project selection process. During those meetings, the more than 550 participants were encouraged to think about regional priorities and to work with neighboring communities to comment on packages of projects that broad benefits.

Other considerations that go into final project selection are engineering factors, economic impact and work already been done on a project. These projects won't be selected until 2011 and actual construction could be several years later.

"We had a great turnout earlier this month in Independence with many southeast Kansas commu-

nities coming together to discuss their priorities for transportation spending. We're looking forward to hearing from all the regions of the state as they come together to discuss what combination of highway projects will best benefit their region," said Julie Lorenz, director of KDOT's Division of Public Affairs.

Summaries will be posted on the KDOT website after the meetings are finished.

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Kroeger, Great Value frozen peas recalled

Packages of frozen peas or mixed vegetables have been recalled because they may contain glass fragments. The products are handled by Dillions and Walmart under the brands Kroeger or Great Value.

Products being recalled are:

- Kroeger 12 ounce green peas (UPC 1111089736) with the production codes of 1440Bu, 1440BV, 1440BW and 1600BD.

- Kroeger 12 ounce peas and carrots (UPC 1111089741) with the production codes of 1960BD and

1960 BE.

- Great Value 12 ounce steerable sweet peas (UPC 7874208369) with best by dates of July 20, 2012; July 21, 2012.

- Great Value 12 ounce steerable mixed vegetables (UPC 7874208026) with best by dates of July 15, 2012.

There have been no injuries reported from customers but purchased packages included should not be eaten and returned where purchased.

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Based on positive academic performance, attendance improvement, positive attitude or random acts of kindness, the student nominees this week are: Gloria Bustillos and Nicole Hendrich

These students receive an Activity Period Pass. These students were randomly selected from all nominees and will receive a local food gift certificate sponsored by Goodland Kiwanis Club, special parking, first in lunch line and recognized throughout the community!

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