

# City purchases street sweeper on 4-1 vote

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On recommendations from city staff the city commission opted—on a 4-1 vote—for the higher of two bids for a street sweeper for \$157,986 at their meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Rick Billinger voted against saying he felt the city ought to go with the lowest bid from Sellers Equipment of Salina for \$149,843.

Rich Simon, public works director, said he did not feel the Sellers bid met the specifications and recommended the Pelican sweeper from Key Equipment and Supply of Kansas City, Kan.

Simon said the Pelican an Elgin had some advantages over the Johnston bid by Sellers including an auto-tilt to help clean out gutters.

He said the Elgin was safer be-

cause of better visibility for the operator, and has a better dump system.

Billinger asked what the city has now as a street sweeper.

“Maybe it is just me,” he said, “but I don’t think it does a very good job at all. I am just talking from someone who watches the sweeper. It doesn’t seem to get anything. For this money I don’t think they do a very good job and I wouldn’t buy one.”

Simon said the city has an Elgin sweeper and said it is picking up a lot more than it is leaving behind.

“It is doing a good job,” he said. “We get more picked up than what you think.”

Billinger said he doesn’t think the sweeper does good on dirt. He said he has not been impressed at all.

“I don’t know if there are any bet-

ter ones,” he said. “It sure leaves a lot to be desired.”

Commissioner Dave Daniels said the sweeper seems to do all right when it is going straight, but when it gets to a valley gutter it just leaves a pile.

Commissioner John Garcia asked if the sweeper has an adjustable broom.

Simon said the sweeper has an adjustable broom and the auto-tilt will help with the gutters. He said the stuff the sweeper is leaving is the bigger branches and rocks.

“I don’t think there is any sweeper that is going to pick up 100 percent,” he said.

Mayor Josh Dechant asked Travis Gillihan, the sweeper operator, how many blocks he can get for a load. Travis said 25 blocks.

Garcia asked about the turning

radius of the sweeper.

Travis said the turning radius does not matter that much, but it depends on the street.

City Manager Doug Gerber said he agreed with Billinger that street sweepers leave a lot behind.

Garcia asked about the expected life of the sweeper.

Simon said Goodland has put more hours on the current one than Garden City, and it has not lasted as long as expected.

Gerber said he had the same question and felt the city ought to get more than seven or eight years out of a sweeper. He said if the city waits another year the trade-in would be down to nothing. He said if the city had traded the sweeper last year the trade-in value would have been at least twice the \$18,000 being offered.

Garcia asked about lowering the cost by taking off the extras.

Simon said he would had to take those off as he and the staff think the sweeper will be better and maybe help it last longer.

Billinger asked Simon why he was recommending the higher price sweeper.

Simon said the Johnston was a bare bones sweeper and did not have the things the city wanted to do the job. He said it did not meet some of the bid specifications.

“You can spec it any way you want,” Billinger said.

“The world won’t end if the city goes with the lower price sweeper,” Gerber said. “The additions are things the staff wanted.”

Tom White, representative from Key Equipment was in the audience and Rich Cox from Sellers

Equipment.

Dechant said he was like Billinger about the sweepers, but felt he would go with the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she had no expertise on street sweepers.

“I depend on the people who do,” she said, “and the ones who run the equipment. I would put my faith in their recommendation.”

She made a motion to accept the bid from Key Equipment and Daniels seconded. The vote was 4-1 with Billinger voting no.

Billinger thanked the city staff for their work, but said he felt the city ought to take the low bid.

“I vote these things like I am spending my own money,” he said. “I always try to save the city money.”

## matters of record

### Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

**Oct. 7:** William Harris, 44, Des Moines, Iowa, arrested by sheriff’s deputy on a warrant.

Thomas Ayers, 63, Highlands Ranch, Colo., arrested by sheriff’s deputy for driving under influence and transporting open container.

**Oct. 10:** Anthony Garza, 39, Goodland, arrested by sheriff’s deputy for sale of opiates, possession with intent to sell.

### Deeds

The following real estate transactions have been reported by the Sherman County register of deeds:

Bruce R. Plankinton and Marcia Plankinton convey and warrant to Lance L. Ihrig and Debra A. Ihrig the SW/4 of Sec.3, T10S, R40W.

Lynn Duane Nelson and Cynthia Jane Nelson convey and warrant to Frontier Equity Exchange, a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec.22, T8S, R41W, containing 7.25 acres more or less.

Lori Jo Meurisse, Trustee of the Lori Jo Meurisse Trust dated February 9, 1999, amended December 19, 2000, conveys and warrants to Darwin Meurisse, Trustee of the Darwin Meurisse Trust dated February 9, 1999, all of undivided interest in N/2 of Sec.22, T10S, R38W AND SE/4 of Sec.22, T10S, R38W.

Mueller Enterprises, Inc., a Colorado Corporation, to Iron Mueller

Farms, Inc., all of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 15, to CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland, AKA 1632 Main, Goodland, AND S5’ of Lot 15, all of Lot 16, Block 14, CK&N Addition to the City of Goodland.

Mark Hillman and Heidi Hillman quit claim to The Hillman Family Trust dated February 22, 2010, the E/2 of Sec.21, T6S, R42W AND all of Sec.15, T6S, R42W

### District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

**September 2:** Jacob D. Hinkle, speeding, \$192.50.

Shane D. Countryman, speeding, \$186.50.

John R. Aronson, speeding, \$174.50.

Edgar G. Garcia, no seat belt, \$5.00; driving with suspended license, \$193.50.

**September 3:** Joseph C. Derosa, speeding, \$193.50.

Jane A. Desanti, speeding, \$168.50.

Jonathan T. McClung, no seat belt, \$5.00.

Amy E. Hurd, speeding, \$141.50.

Kathy A. Brendlinger, unlawful parking, \$198.50.

Gerald A. Cardinal, speeding, \$180.50.

Frederick E. Dionne III, no seat belt, \$5.00.

## Congressional candidate stops in town



Congressional candidate Alan Jilka (left) stopped in town on Tuesday to meet with supporters and answer questions. Jilka said he got to talk with Sherman County farmer John Golden who said he is a Jilka supporter. Jilka is running for the First Congressional

seat being vacated by Congressman Jerry Moran who is seeking a promotion to the Senate. Jilka said a new group of supporters who are Farmers for Jilka. The election is in one week.

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## Water main work underway on 10th Street

Crews from VanKirk out of Selden, Neb., are working on the large main line that runs across the city from Cattletrail to Eustis. The crew (right) was working on the section west of Kansas to Cattletrail and lowering the large attachment to create the hole for the sections of pipe. The project is a major piece of the water improvement project the city has received about \$2 million in federal stimulus money to help complete. The project should be finished by the first part of next year to improve water quality.

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