

City turns down request for Sunday beer sales

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Kansas law allows cities and counties to allow Sunday sales of beer and liquor, but Goodland and Sherman County do not allow any sales on Sunday, and Tuesday the city turned down a request to consider lifting the ban on 3.2 beer sales.

The topic of Sunday beer sales was a discussion item on Tuesday's agenda, and City Manager Doug Gerber said he had been asked about the city possibly lifting the ban by a representative of Casey's Corner Store.

"The Casey's person asked the city staff about allowing Sunday beer sales," Gerber said. "We suggested he come to visit with the commission about that issue."

Mike Nachtigall, area supervisor for Casey's, who lives in Goodland, said he was asked by the corporate office to ask the city to lift the Sunday ban to encourage more sales.

"I had approached our corporate office about this," he said. "The top people asked if we had beer sales on Sunday. I said no, and that is why we are here today."

Mayor John Garcia asked what the closest Casey's location is to Goodland.

Nachtigall said the closest was Colby.

"Has Colby been asked?" Garcia said.

"I am the first operation to ask," Nachtigall said.

Garcia asked if there were other Casey stores around the area.

"My area is the furthest west," Nachtigall said. "I do not have a good feel for the area yet. I know some cities have lifted the ban to allow beer sales on Sunday."

Gerber said he was not an expert on this issue, but where he was before coming to Goodland (Beloit) the city went through this exact process.

When the state law changed cities were allowed to opt in for beer sales on Sunday.

"What we found in Beloit was convenience stores are in favor," Gerber said, "and liquor stores are opposed because they are closed on Sunday."

City Clerk Mary Volk said she contacted two liquor stores and both

were not in favor of this issue.

Gerber said the commission could adopt an ordinance and let democracy work.

He said once an ordinance was passed the citizens would have the right to protest and force it to a general election for a vote of the people.

"Or you can do nothing," he said, "and say you are not interested."

"Does that also open liquor stores on Sunday?" Commissioner Bill Finley said.

Gerber said it was a good question.

Under Kansas law cities have control over cereal malt beverage licenses for package sales and consumption, but do not have control of liquor stores. The law does allow a county to get to the voters and ask for Sunday sales of liquor, and some eastern Kansas counties have approved such votes.

"I feel you (Gerber) did a good job of presenting this," Garcia said. "Personally I would not be interested in pursuing such an ordinance."

"I talked to several people who are strongly opposed to this, and feel

there is enough on sale on Saturday if someone wants beer or liquor for Sunday."

"I see both sides," said Commissioner Chris Zimmerman. "I feel it would be good to see more sales. If this would pass it would be up to the store owners to be open and sell on Sunday."

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she felt a protest petition would be signed to force an election.

"Where we live I feel it would probably happen and the city would have to pay for the election," she said. "At this time I feel it would be best if we did not pursue this."

Finley agreed, "I don't feel this community would be in favor of this and I would not be in favor of doing this."

Gerber said a hot topic that went with the lifting of the ban on Sunday sales is the city would have to allow for holiday sales.

Volk said the liquor stores said they did not want to be open on the holidays.

Zimmerman said it was not the time to try this issue.

Garcia thanked Nachtigall for his

presentation, and asked about the expansion plans for Casey's.

Nachtigall said the contractors are working on the Atwood store, and Goodland is next in line. He said the store will be expanded to add a kitchen and will have sandwiches and pizza.

He said plans have been submitted, and the expansion would be to the east and a bit deeper to the north.

He said work should begin soon on the expansion. He thanked the commissioners for their discussion of the beer sales question.

In a related piece of business the commission approved an ordinance (No. 1621) dealing with special event permits for cereal malt beverage sales.

Gerber said the ordinance was to bring the city up to date with changes made at the state level.

The state law allows a city to approve a special event permit for an individual or non-profit organization for cereal malt beverages.

The requirement for this is the permits must be approved at least 10 days prior to the event and the location and hour of operation have to be

included in the application. A person or organization can only get four per year, and there is a fee of \$25 for the city plus a state fee of \$25.

He said this came up because the Sherman County Alumni committee is planning to have a special event during the upcoming reunion.

Garcia asked if these special events could be held in city parks.

Volk said the city has an ordinance that alcohol is not permitted in city parks.

Fairbanks asked if passing this ordinance would eliminate the request for special event permits from coming to the commission.

Gerber said it does become more of an administrative issue, but it could come to the commission.

Finley asked if the person requesting the permit has to have a general beer or liquor license before they ask for a special event permit.

"No, it is for everyone," Gerber said.

The ordinance passed on a 4-0 vote with Finley, Fairbanks, Garcia and Zimmerman voting in favor. Commissioner Josh Dechant was absent.

Slough elected board president

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Selected Bankwest to handle the checking account for the district. Bankwest would handle the activity funds for Grant Jr. Hi and West Elementary School. First National would handle the activity funds for Goodland High School and Central Elementary School. All of the four banks in town Bankwest, First National, Peoples State and Western State could be the depository of idle funds.

Set the mileage reimbursement at 51 cents a mile.

Set the pay for substitute teachers as \$85 a day without a license and \$100 a day with a license.

Appointed Schulte as the district's representative for KPERS and Scheopner as the assistant.

Appointed Superintendent Biermann as the authorized representative for the food service program with Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer as alternate.

Appointed Superintendent Biermann as the authorized representative for transportation with Raymer

as alternate.

Appointed Slough and Sieck as the representatives for the district on the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relations Network.

Appointed Slough and Stiles as the bid committee with Cole as the alternate.

Appointed Sieck and Stiles for the policy review committee with House as alternate.

Appointed Cochran as the board representative to the professional development council.

Appointed Sederstrom and Cochran to represent the board in negotiations with Goodland NEA for teacher contracts.

Appointed Superintendent Biermann as the authorized representative for federal programs, Reading is Fundamental and as Freedom of Information officer.

Appointed House and Sederstrom to the calendar committee.

Appointed Stiles and Cochran to the technology committee.

Appointed Superintendent Biermann as the purchasing agent.

Appointed the building principals as the wellness policy representatives and Superintendent Biermann as the contact person.

Appointed West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes, Sederstrom and Superintendent Biermann to the evaluation review committee.

Hired Brenda Linin as the assistant AFS sponsor.

Hired Don Raymer as the assistant National Honor Society sponsor.

Hired Chase Topliff and Don Raymer as junior class co-sponsors.

Accepted the resignation of Chase Topliff as the assistant eighth grade basketball coach.

Hired Topliff as the assistant high school basketball coach.

Hired Nancy McFarland as the Goodland High School media specialist.

Hired Daniel Moore as a high school math teacher.

Hired Jessica Wolf as a six hour cook at the high school and the junior high.

Hospital plane gets replacement engine

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26 nurses are involved.

Jolly said he found out before the meeting the hospital got a grant for pre-hospital trauma care. He said it is a regional program to be conducted by the end of the year.

A change is being seen in cardiology, Jolly said. Dr. Vijay Subbarao's group in Denver has split. Jolly said one person is going to align with another group and a smaller group will link with Centrua and St. Anthony. Jolly said Dr. Subbarao will continue to come to Goodland, and Dr. Barry Smith will be part of a group hired by St. Anthony. Jolly said the change may help stabilize the cardiology program.

Disaster loans available for many state farmers

Sherman County farmers and surrounding counties in Northwest Kansas are eligible for emergency loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture due to losses from natural disasters.

Adrian J. Polansky, State Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Kansas said the agency is making emergency loans available to help qualified producers recover from production and physical losses due to natural disasters.

Secretarial Disaster Designation (S3117) for drought, and related disasters, including wildfires and high winds on Jan. 1, 2011 and continuing, made the following primary counties in Kansas eligible: Finney, Lane, Logan, Gove, Grant, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Meade, Morton, Ness, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Wallace and Wichita.

Contiguous counties in Kansas are also eligible: Cheyenne, Clark, Decatur, Ellis, Ford, Graham, Gray,

Hodgeman, Norton, Pawnee, Rawlins, Rush and Trego. In addition some contiguous counties are eligible in Colorado and Oklahoma.

Producers in the affected counties have until Jan. 10, to apply for an emergency loan. Eligible loan funds may be used to restore or replace essential property and pay production costs associated with the disaster year.

Applicants can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses not to exceed \$500,000. The current rate for these low interest loans is 3.75 percent.

Producers must meet eligibility requirements and not be able to obtain credit from a commercial lender. Farm Service Agency will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Producers in these counties may be eligible for 2011-crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments. Signup for 2011 losses will be held in a future year.

Contact the Sherman County Farm Service Agency office at 210 W. 10th, or by phone at (785) 899-3070.

Farm Bill hearing planned for August

The second field hearing on the Farm Bill will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Hilton Wichita Airport, Sen. Pat Roberts announced Tuesday.

Sen. Roberts (R-Kan.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, said the hearing will be to discuss reauthorization of the Farm Bill.

"I'm pleased to host the next Farm Bill field hearing in Wichita, right in the heartland of America," said Roberts. "This hearing will allow us to garner insight from our producers

in Kansas as we begin the important task of writing the next Farm Bill. Their perspectives on current agriculture programs and the direction of this next Farm Bill are critical to the committee's work in drafting policies that provide producers and rural America with the tools necessary for success."

The focus of the hearing will be reauthorization of the Farm Bill, and exploring its impact on Kansas.

This will be the second field hearing held on the 2012 Farm Bill. The first was hosted by Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) in

Lansing, Mich., in May.

People may participate in the hearing by submitting written testimony, which will be included in the official record of the hearing. A copy of the testimony can be submitted at the hearing or sent to the committee no later than Thursday, Sept. 1. Send your testimony to ag.hearing@ag.senate.gov or to U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry, 328A Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Goodland sends crew to help repair Oberlin power system

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to help. The poles and transformers in the alley between the Last Indian Raid Museum and the telephone office were still out.

Mayor Riedel said the city has all the supplies it needs to get the power restored. It could take until Friday to get the businesses along that alley back up and running, including the Oberlin Post Office and Farmers Bank and Trust.

The city did run its power plant for a short time after the storm, but it wasn't needed. The problem wasn't the outside power supply, he said, it

was the storm pretty much beat up the city's lines and equipment.

City Administrator Karen Larson made sure the crews had lunch and water throughout the weekend. The city asked the Golden Age Center to open up as a shelter on Monday, as people were without power still and the temperatures rose to over 100 degrees.

Mayor Riedel said county Ambulance Director Linda Manning called to let him know she could help give people rides to the center, if needed.

The storm, while it left a lot of damage, didn't last that long. Jacques

Boultinghouse of Selden, county emergency management director, said she hasn't seen anything that indicates a tornado in Oberlin, just straight-line winds. She said she had reports of winds at 68 mph in Oberlin, but is guessing some were higher.

North of town, where a tornado warning was issued for a time, said Miss Boultinghouse, winds were clocked at 88 mph.

Her initial assessment after talking with dispatch and driving around town was 30 percent of the streets

in Oberlin were flooded that night. Around half the town was without power and there was damage to many trees and homes.

Unofficially, she said, the town got about two inches of rain which came down fast.

She said she hasn't heard of any hail and while the area around Cedar Bluffs was under a tornado warning, no twister was sighted.

Miss Boultinghouse said she talked with the mayors from Dresden, which reported no damage, and Jennings, where there was some.

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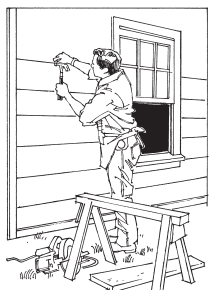
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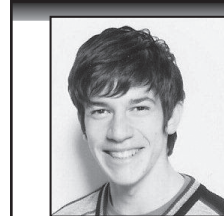


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Elisa from Italy, 16 yrs. Likes to play tennis, swim, loves to dance. Elisa hopes to play American softball and learn American 'slang' while in the USA.

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