

## Enjoying the wind in their hair



Don Kitchen and Lee Powers (above), both of Hays, looked at one of the T-6 trainers at the 22nd Annual Stearman Fly-in in St. Francis on Saturday morning. There were lots of planes and skydivers at the show, and about six hot-air balloons took off early that morning. One demonstration by the skydivers was with three stacked

on top of each other (top left). The skydivers all made safe landings (left), and were taking people up for tandem jumps at the same time some of the Stearmans were taking people up for flights around the area and over the field.

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# City gives permission to close street for fest

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland Chamber of Commerce has asked the city for permission to hold a parade on Saturday, July 3, for its annual Freedom Fest, and to close 10th Street from Main to Center for a street dance that night.

Courtney Warden, chamber director, and Donna Swager, chamber president, told city commissioners last Monday they want to hold a parade that Saturday which would start at the corner of 10th and Main and go south to 17th Street.

They asked to hold a street dance on 10th between Main and Center from 8-12 p.m. and said that they are working to get a special-event beer

license for the event.

The commissioners said they had no problem with the plans.

Former commissioner Curtis Hurd told the commissioners he was proud of the work done by the city crew, which relaid some bricks to smooth out 17th Street and installed sidewalk and sprinklers at Gulick Park.

"I am tickled to death with what you've done," Hurd said.

Dennis Malsom asked for permission to use the airport to allow his power parachute to take off if the weather at the Northwest Technical College campus is not right.

"We are planning to use the college property east of the Elks," Malsom said, "but if the winds are

not right, we would like to have permission to take off from the airport."

The commission said they had no problem, and Commissioner Chuck Lutters said with some advance notice, the flight service station could put out a notice.

In other business the commission:

- Approved two changes to the airport runway lighting project. The first was for \$134,373 to add the crosswind runway lighting to the contract with Strukel Electric, which is to replace all the existing runway lighting on the main runway and taxiway. The second change was to add \$11,100, to the contract because of a change in how

the lightning protection system is installed.

Darin Neufeld, engineer with Evans, Bierly and Hutchinson Associates, who is handling the project for the city, said the Federal Aviation Administration has decided that lightning protection system should be installed halfway between the edge of the runway and the runway lights. In the past, the protection system was installed on top of the runway lighting system.

- Approved a bid from B and H Paving of Scott City for the city street sealing project later this summer. The price is .541¢ per square yard, for a total of \$139,761.

The contractor will be using smaller rock than last year, and

Pickman said the price is better than expected because Jim Hess of B and H said he contracted for the oil in January when it was cheaper. The project will do about one-third of the city streets with 258,338 square yards.

- Appointed Mayor Rick Billinger to be the city representative on the Goodland Economic Development Corp. board. Steve West of the Sherman County Economic Development Council said there is an effort to reorganize the corporation, which owns the industrial park, and the bylaws require a city commissioner to be on the board.

- Approved a low bid of \$19.50 per hour from Quibble's Lawn Ser-

vice, Stan and Dawn Kibel, for mowing weeds this summer on lots determined to be a nuisance. There were two other bids; one was from Brad Shields of Clean Cut Lawn Mowing Service for \$32.50 per hour. Shields was the city mowing contractor last year. Cindie Yarger, wife of Mike Yarger of Goody's, bid \$25 per hour. Pickman said the bid last year was \$20 per hour.

The city commission will meet with the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau board at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Super 8 Motel conference room. The next regular meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 21, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Building, 204 W. 11th.

# Former commissioner comments on quorum change

A former city commissioner took time last Monday to comment on a plan to change the city's quorum rule to allow any two commissioners to talk privately about city business.

Curtis Hurd, who went off the commission a little more than a year ago, appeared in the visitor's segment at the commission meeting. He said he didn't think the change was necessary.

"My main purpose for speaking tonight is the quorum issue," Hurd said. "I want to speak out on this."

"I served four years on the commission, and never had a problem getting information on any subject.

You have the best source of information right here with the city manager or the department heads.

"They are the best means of getting information, and there are many citizens who you can talk to."

A quorum is the number of members required to conduct business. Currently, city ordinances sets that at three of the five commissioners. Commissioners Dave Daniels and John Garcia have proposed changing that to four. Under the Kansas Open Meetings Law, "a majority of a quorum" cannot gather to discuss city business outside of a public meeting. Changing the quorum from three to four would allow any

two commissioners to talk about city business without the public.

"You say it should always take four to vote," Hurd said. "On a major issues, there will always be five. I can remember twice in four years

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he was a wonderful source of information. He always preached ethics and never to put yourself in a position to have ethics questioned.

"I have watched you for over a

year and with both of you (Garcia and Daniels) on the economic development board, I feel that is a violation of the open meetings law.

"Thank you for listening."

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