

# Arts Council requests \$3,000 from city next year

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Eleven members of the Goodland Arts Council attended the city meeting Monday as a show of support for asking the commission to consider helping fund the Carnegie Arts Center next year with \$3,000.  
Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, told the commissioners over 1,000 people have visited the arts center in the past year, and nearly 200 kids are participating in the Summer Arts Institute that runs through July.

Goodwin talked about the events of the past year including the Produce for Victory exhibit of World War II posters, in March and April. She said over 500 people visited the exhibit at the art center and over 300 were involved in the many programs held around the city during the six weeks of the program.  
She said the Kansas Arts Commission cut the grant 15 percent last year, and has told her that the center will receive the same amount, \$4,462. She said the county has

given the center some money for the past two years, and have an appointment to request the same amount this year.  
Mayor Rick Billinger thanked Goodwin for her presentation, and asked Ron Pickman what amount the city had given the arts center last year. Pickman said the city had given \$2,000 for this year.  
Goodwin said the arts center was pleased to be a partner with the city to provide the arts center as a place for all citizens to use. She said the

art center board was requesting the city consider an amount from \$5,000 to \$2,000, but would appreciate it if they could make it \$3,000.  
“The arts council is fortunate it does not count on only one source for funding,” she said, “but it does take the cooperation and support of a variety of help to keep our facility and programs at the present level.”  
She said there are over 200 members of the arts council, but the programs are open to all shows and functions.”

Billinger said the request would be considered as part of the budget process that begins after the first meeting in July.  
The Commissioners discussed the design for the intersections at 11th and 12th and the possibility of having extensions from the corners that are called bulbouts. At the meeting on June 7, Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly Hutchison, who is doing the engineering for the city, suggested the commission look at three options. One would be not to

have anything, the middle would be to extend out seven and one-half feet or the third would be a full 15 feet. Commissioner Lutters said he liked the middle one, but wanted a different radius. Commissioner Dean Blume said he could go for the middle one. Billinger said he was concerned the city will have trouble with older people and they will collect trash. Commissioner John Garcia said he was worried about the trucks being able to turn. Commissioner Dave Daniels suggested the middle option, but to have it come straight out rather than be curved. Pickman said he would get back with Neufeld and see if he could draw two options for the middle choice based on the extended radius Lutters wanted and the design Daniels suggested.

# Rains stall area wheat harvest, some test cuts in

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ing, but Belshe said he expects those crops to mature soon.  
“We’ll have wheat ready to cut next week,” he said.  
The wheat may be ready, but the weather may not cooperate. The weather service forecasted a 50 percent chance of rain on Thursday night and a 30 percent chance in the afternoon tonight and Sat. The forecast for Sun. and Mon. calls for a

slight chance of rain.  
“The rain will shut us down for maybe a day,” Stewart said. “But with the ground wet like this it could be 2 or 3 days.”  
A rain delay may damage some of the wheat, but Belshe said farmers face only bleaching and lowered test weights. Even with minimal damage, he said farmers will want to start harvest as soon as possible.  
“When it’s ripe, you should be in the field cutting,” he said.

The extra rain does benefit spring crops like dryland corn and sunflowers. It helps to water grazing land and to fill wells which reduces the amount of pumping needed for irrigation.  
“Rain is always welcome,” Belshe said.  
Belshe said this year’s harvest is expected to see poor yields. He estimated that over 40 percent of wheat crops were destroyed by a late freeze this May. The freeze killed plants or damaged the plants

leaving farmers with less output.  
“We’re not going to have much of a wheat harvest,” he said.  
Stewart said the poor quality of wheat this year has kept farmers from getting too upset about the weather, but they would like to finish their harvest.  
“I know they all want to get it out of the way,” he said.  
He added that the freeze and the drought did affect their first load.  
“The test weight was a little

light,” he said.  
After cutting starts, Belshe said it will normally take seven to 10 days before everything is harvested. Because of the reduced crops this year, he does expect harvest to run short, stopping around July 7.  
“It’s not going to be a long harvest,” he said.  
The Harvest Countdown Contest is officially over with Dwight Briney of Edson guessing closest to the time of arrival of Mueller’s first load.

## Grant writer renewal OK’d

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“It is a viable program,” said Commissioner John Garcia. “I am in favor of renewing it.”  
The commission unanimously approved renewing the grant writer program based on the approval of the other three organizations.  
Billinger asked Nemechek if she had checked out the Department of Agriculture grants, and she said she had checked those out and given some information about a waste treatment program to City Manager Ron Pickman.  
Pickman said he and Nemechek had looked at the information. He said the city could not qualify for the grant because there were not enough low income people in the area being considered, and that the loan interest rate was higher than can be obtained through other means.  
“This program would have cost us more money,” Pickman said.

# City commission denies chamber request for beer garden license

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drivers and bouncers. She said there would always be two people to drive anyone home to protect both the person being driven and the person driving.  
“I think we have listened to the people who do not like this idea,” Swager said, “and believe we can provide an enclosed and safe environment. We will try to keep it under strict control.”  
“It costs the chamber \$12-15,000 each year to do the fireworks, and we need to make some money to help so we can afford to continue this program.”  
“My concern is how do you keep it (alcohol) out of the streets?” Commissioner Blume asked.  
Swager said the plan was to provide an alternative and to have a good police presence.  
Commissioner Daniels said he

had received no calls on the issue, and asked Warden if the calls had come over a period of days.  
Warden said all the calls had come on Monday, and that there were five calls in favor, but none of them wanted to appear at the commission meeting.  
“I have trouble using alcohol as a fund raising event,” Blume said. “I have a real problem with this. I never liked it in the past, and will not tolerate it.”  
Swager said the goal of the project was to keep people in town.  
“I have has a good many calls on this,” Blume said. “I believe as leaders we must set an example, and I don’t think this is one of them.”  
Lovington said she was concerned about the people understanding the difference between intoxicated and impaired. She said it is possible for a person to be impaired and appear normal, but be

above the legal limit to drive.  
Lisa Tomsic said she did not feel it was appropriate to have alcohol where they were trying to encourage a family oriented event.  
Garcia said thank you to Swager and Warden for the fairness of their presentation. He said he had received calls in opposition to the beer garden.  
Daniels said he agreed with Blume about the fund raising, but said he did not feel as commissioners “we are not the ones to make the chamber agenda.”  
“People have the freedom of choice, and it is hard for me to say what that should be.”  
“I do have some reservations,” Lutters said. “I think the street dance is probably aimed at the younger crowd, and do not think it is a good fund raiser.”  
“Yes, everybody has the choice,” Blume said. “I think we need to set

an example for the community. This is making it available and seems to be saying that if you go to the dance they would be obligated to drink.”  
Warden said that was not the intent, and that there was not any charge to get into the dance.  
“We will not require anyone to buy a drink,” Warden said. “The idea is to give the young people an option and to keep them in town. It does not take alcohol to have a good time, but felt this would be a way to give the young adults a reason to come.”  
“I am kind of on the fence,” Billinger said, “but I don’t think the alcohol is needed. I like the idea of the street dance for our youth.”  
“I work with children all the time,” said Pat Thompson, first grade teacher at West. “Children aren’t told what to do, but are shown what to do. I believe this would give the children a double message.”  
Lutters made the motion to ap-

prove the license and it was seconded by Daniels.  
Daniels voted yes and said he felt it was proper to give the chamber the chance. Garcia voted no saying he did not believe it was good to allow alcohol at the dance. Blume voted no saying he did not use alcohol and would not approve this. Lutters voted yes and said he felt it was not the commission’s job to decide what was right and proper and that people should have the freedom of choice.  
Mayor Billinger voted no without any further comment. He did thank everyone for coming and expressing their opinion.

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