

Basic home cleanup won't raise property taxes

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
 The city wide cleanup planned for April will not automatically mean a homeowner will see an increase in property taxes. County Assessor Terry Ballard told the Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday.

Christie Rasure, representing the Goodland Chamber Beautification committee, told the commissioners she was asked by Mayor Rick Bill-

inger to ask about the property taxes when she met with the city commission on Monday.

Commission Chairman Mitch Tiede said he did not think just cleaning up a house would mean the property taxes would go up, but he asked Ballard to come to the meeting to explain it clearly.

Ballard said it would take more than a coat of paint or new roof to cause the property taxes to increase.

"We consider things like painting

and new roof are maintenance items," Ballard said. "We do not consider fencing, landscaping, sidewalks or a driveway in determining the value of the property."

"If the person adds a storage shed or patio that is different, and would probably increase the value and the property taxes."

Rasure thanked Ballard for his explanation and said that should answer the Mayor's question.

She said the beautification com-

mittee is planning three clean up days in April, and asked the county commissioners if they would waive the fees at the transfer station for handling refrigerators and tires.

Tiede said he would agree to waiving the refrigerator fees, but wanted to make it clear that on tires they would only accept non-commercial tires.

Rasure asked the commissioners if it was possible for the county to provide two trucks to help with the

collections. On Monday the city had agreed to help with three trucks and drivers she said.

The plan is to collect construction debris on Saturday, April 2, and limbs and metal on Saturday, April 16. The collections would be done between 9 a.m. and noon on those days. She said the committee would be doing their highway cleanup on

Saturday, April 23.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he was in favor of helping with the clean up, and agreed the county could help with the vehicles and waiving the fees. Commissioner Kevin Rasure excused himself from the meeting because of a conflict of interest.

Chamber plans to beautify city in April

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News
 After emptying your closets and cleaning out old cupboards, people in Goodland are being encouraged to spread spring cleaning to their lawns with a city-wide clean-up planned in April.

The city has agreed to come up with three trucks and three drivers to help the clean-up cause, he said.

The county commissioners said Tuesday they will try to find two trucks and agreed to wave some fees for refrigeration and tire disposal to make the clean-up easier.

Clouse said Dan Brenner Ford Mercury, Goodland Greenline and some construction companies have agreed to help out.

The first Saturday, he said, the groups will be picking up construction debris and the second will be set aside for tree limbs and metal.

Clouse said they will encourage people to clean up their own yards and take items to the dump themselves. Those who can't are asked to bring the items to be thrown away to the front of their houses near the curb.

The groups will then pick up the items, fill the trucks with the debris and then haul the trash to the transfer station north of town.

I-70 exit to the intersection of K-27. Volunteers will pick-up on Caldwell from 8th Street to US 24, too.

"We'll try to cover the entire community," he said. "That's gonna take quite a few people."

He wants to get the word out to enlist volunteers and get residents more involved in picking up their homes. Clouse plans to put notices in every church, business and organization newsletter. Chamber manager Courtney Warden will send out fliers with the Chamber newsletter and board member Karen Ginther suggested putting more fliers up at businesses around town.

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Tuesday, Ken Clouse, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce board beautification committee chairman and president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, showed the board maps and laid out plans for the events scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 16 and 23.

He said the city commission Monday approved issuing a proclamation to name April as clean-up month after seeing a presentation put on by Christie Rasure and Arlo Hansen.

City will help with chamber's April cleanup plans

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will know what you will be collecting especially if they are going to have to separate it."

"In the Can is helping us," Rasure said, "and they are talking about having separate dumpsters for the different types. That is why we are doing two separate collections, and we know there are people who will not be able to put their stuff out on the curb."

"We are hoping to have college and high school students to help us with those places where there are

elderly who need help."

"It is very important for to this community," Commissioner Dean Blume said. "Not for just the month, but for the whole year. I hope you encourage people to keep things cleaned up."

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the city could provide the three trucks?

Pickman said the city cannot volunteer the three trucks, but could use the trucks and pay the drivers.

Rasure said they will encourage people to haul their own, but are

looking for those who cannot do their own.

Pickman said he would coordinate the dates with the staff.

"Everyone here is for improving this town," Hansen said, "and all are cleaned up."

"We would like to see all the trash cleaned up to improve our city image to those who come through or might be looking to move here."

In other business the commission:

- Had a request from the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars to allow them to erect more flag poles

at the cemetery to define the area of the military plots. The question was exactly where the veterans want to add flag poles, and Pickman said he would meet with them to see what they were asking for. The commission members said they did not see any problem, but agreed to let Pickman check it out. Pickman said there are about 80 plots in the area being reserved for the veterans.

- Talked about the grant writer program which comes up for renewal at the end of the month. Pickman said if the commission is going to suggest changes or decide not to participate again, that has to be done 90 days before the end of the contract. The contract will be on the agenda for the meeting on Monday, March 21.

City to match chamber fireworks donations

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Pickman said that money is in the carryover for this year, and is not part of the budget. He said the commission cannot add money to the budget, but can shift it from one thing to another.

Garcia asked where such a shift could be made.

"That is your (commission's) decision," Pickman said.

Billinger said he was not in favor of adding any money, and he did not feel it was worth \$2,500.

"I realize you have a different perspective on this," Garcia said. "I see this as an ongoing celebration.

I am not certain how the chamber ended up being responsible, but I believe it is important and something we should keep going."

"I would agree," Blume said, "If the chamber is raising money, maybe we could match whatever they raise up to \$2,500 maximum."

"I like your idea Dean. It is something the community needs, and would hate not to have it."

"Every event in our community is important," Blume said. "My challenge is to the chamber to raise their share."

"I will move we give the chamber up to \$2,500 to match what they raise," Daniels said.

The vote was 3-2 to approve the motion. At the end of the meeting Billinger said he did appreciate the chamber and what they were doing,

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Miscellaneous
 Men's and Ladies set of golf clubs and bags; Several cell phones; Lots of miscellaneous

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509 Caldwell

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