

# Brick intersection projects should begin in spring

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Darin Neufeld, representing the engineering firm said the two projects with the state cover the intersections from Ninth to 13th, and will be done in alternating stages. Originally, the city had a grant of \$411,600 to replace the intersections at 11th and 12th and Main. Neufeld said while engineering was being done on that grant, the state approved a second grant of

\$588,711 to replace the bricks at Ninth, 10th and 13th. Neufeld said the state agreed to allow to two projects to be tied together and allow one contractor to handle both. He said the final plans are being reviewed by the state, and he expects the bids to be awarded next month. Neufeld said the plan is to start with Ninth, then move to 11th and 13th so they are not blocking every intersection at once. The second por-

tion would be doing 10th and 12th. He said the intersections south of Ninth will include changes in water lines and drainage which are not part of the grant because they are considered utility adjustments to be paid for by the city. The city will pay 30 percent of the cost of the brick project, and the state 70. Neufeld said all the intersections will get new bricks, and there will be crosswalks and stop lines in different colors.

Commissioners approved the construction-engineering contract for the 11th and 12th intersections not to exceed \$41,086. The contract for Ninth, 10th and 13th is not to exceed \$60,205. “Our expenses will not be that high,” Neufeld said, “but we are required to put those in as though there would be an outside inspector.” City Manager Wayne Hill asked Neufeld if the replacement of the bricks at 12th will solve the odor

problem at that intersection. Neufeld said he was not sure, and that he and city public works director Rich Simon have a theory about the odor. He did not elaborate, but said replacing the intersection and storm drains will take care of one obvious potential source. “One thing for sure is if there is an odor after we replace the intersection,” Neufeld said, “we will know it is not coming from under-

ground sources.” In other business, the commission: 

- Renewed licenses for package sale of 3.2 beer for Wal-Mart, Presto Convenience Store and the Conoco Travel Shoppe and for on-premise consumption for China Gardens, Pizza Hut, Bowladium, Gambino’s and the Buffalo Inn.
- Were reminded about a reception for Janet Warren, librarian for 30 years, from 3-6 p.m. Monday.

# Standpipe turns 100

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it took heavy riveting. Standpipes were riveted until in the 1930s, when welding became more common. The standpipe was emptied on Monday, said *The Goodland Republican* on Dec. 22, 1905, and cleaned out thoroughly on Tuesday, then refilled in the afternoon with both engines pumping water. The standpipe holds 211,400 gallons, or 6,711 barrels, of water. “It was the best standpipe of its size in Kansas,” Palmer said. The standpipe was renovated as part of a city water project in 1999. It still supplies water to the surrounding area, though Goodland has built three water towers over the last century. The newest water tower in Goodland near I-70 was finished that summer. The water tower by the electric plant was built around 1937, and the tower in the north part of Goodland was built in 1970. The flame for the standpipe candle was made by the welding students of Northwest Kansas Vocational-Technical School around 1985-86, said Dennis Bentziner, welding instructor at the time.

# Park started in May 1973

Work on the park around Goodland’s historic standpipe, known as Memory Park, started in May 1973. Plans for a new “tree park” were released on Arbor Day, 1973, by the Goodland Tree Board. The park would have 28 varieties of shade and ornamental trees, said Darrell Busby, Sherman County agricultural agent and extension director. A contest to name the park was announced, with a burr oak to be planted in name of the winner. The purpose of the park was to show people many kinds of trees that would grow here and encourage people to plant a variety of trees around their homes. A tree survey in *The Goodland Daily News* on Thursday, Sept. 26, 1985, showed 68 percent of trees in Goodland were Chinese elms, which were in poor or fair condition. No Chinese elms were planted in Memory Park. In 1985, a sign showing the names of the trees was put up by the Lincoln Larks Extension Home Unit. Plans for planting the trees were drawn up by the Kansas State University extension forestry department and modified by the tree board. Members of the board were Chairman Dale Schilling, Kyle Williams, Pete Fitzgibbons, Grace Phillips and Pauline Roberts. The park was landscaped to avoid electrical lines and to screen out the pumphouse and transformer areas, said Busby. The winner of the contest to name of the park was Kathy Chatfield. People donated \$10 for each tree to the extension office.

# Superintendent search begins

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ing needs to pick their first and second choice. It works best if they all agree on whom to hire. Heim said there will be three sources for prospects, superintendents who want to move up to a bigger district, who might apply because of family or financial ties to the area and administrators who have not been superintendents before. The next step, he said, is for two people on the board go to visit the home district of the potential superintendent. If the board likes what they see, he said, they should have an offer ready to give to that person. “It will be really hard to replace Marvin,” said Philbrick.

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