

# Commissioners agree to have city crews install park lights

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Commissioner Josh Dechant asked about the. He said he was in favor of using Miller, noting that the difference in cost to the city would be only \$1,550. The government will pay most of the difference, he said. Neufeld said it would take six to eight weeks to get the lights delivered, but the they would have to wait to pour the concrete bases until the frost has gone out of the ground. "I don't think for \$6,000 we have

to be in any hurry," said Billinger Neufeld said the city will order the lights and wiring, but the conduit was installed as part of the original project. "Shad Sheldon of Shad's. Electric, and Marty Johnson of Marty's Electric, put in the conduit," Neufeld said. "I am leaning toward them as a recommendation to put the lights in." Dechant asked Bandel if there are other projects or repairs that need to be done. Bandel said there are some

repairs from the snowstorm and other projects on the list. "We get complaints we are taking work away from the ... contractors in the city," he said. "The \$1,500 is something we can afford," Dechant said. "I look at a dollar amount," Billinger argued. Commissioner John Garcia said he would like to see the park completed, but felt it was better to save money. "We will be going into Daylight Savings, and that should help the

availability for those who want to use the park," he said. "We have used our city labor to save money on other park improvements. We have saved a lot of money using in house labor." Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she would like to see the park get finished. "I see that Charlie (Bandel) has more on his plate," she said. "I think it would be good to support the businesses in the community." "For the money I think the city

ought to do it," Billinger said. "If people want to walk I think they can without the lights." Billinger asked Garcia what he felt the city ought to do. "I think it is best anytime we can save the taxpayers money and use in-house labor," Garcia said. "I would like to see it get done," Fairbanks said. "I don't want to wait for months to get it done. I agree we need to save money when we can." Neufeld said he didn't really make a recommendation because

he felt that with either bid the project would be done right. "I am for saving the money," Daniels said, "and I am impressed with our city crews. If the electric crew can do the same, I am all for it." "You (Bandel) are saying it is going to get done, not sure when?" "Could be 'till next fall," Bandel said. "Depends on what comes up." "Sounds like a 3-2 to go with the city proposal," Billinger said. There was no further discussion from the other commissioners.

## Machines keep going

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The guild met Saturday at the Rock House at Fifth and Caldwell, run by Calvary Gospel Church. The group was organized three years ago, said Cora House. "We met informally for a year before at Wheatridge (Acres Retirement Community)," she said. "People brought any type of needlework until we decided to focus on quilting. The guild's regular meetings feature "show and tell," with members bringing their projects. They also have demonstrations on different techniques. In January, Bonnie McQuillen gave a demonstration on appliqué, where you sew a piece of fabric to another by top stitching. The piece of fabric appliqued is usually in the shape of something, maybe a flower. Everyone got to try their hand at the technique and maybe add a new skill to their quilting. At the next meeting, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, Penny Helderman from Kanorado will give a "stack and wack" demonstration. She also will be teaching a class at the First Christian Church in Goodland on the technique. Helderman has taught classes in quilting for a long time. The guild also has workshops, which may have a fee to cover the cost of bringing in a speaker on different ways to make quilts, finishing quilts and design. Past workshops have been given by Jeanne Poore of Kansas City and Audrey Evins and Paula Rumbach, both from Oakley. The guild had a quilt show at the Flatlander Fall Festival in 2004 and will have another this year, said Cora House. "We are such a small group," she said, "that doing a show every year was too much."

## Lions Club celebrates

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club in 1956 with 20 members, all men in those days. "We first met at the Goodland Hotel at 10th and Main," Tedford wrote. "One funny thing I remember was when someone pinched the waitress' leg and she screamed. The Lion member was fined by the Tail Twister." "When the women became members," he said, "it was an improvement to our Lions Club." There have been more than one Lions Club in the city in the 50 years. The Topside Lions was started by a group of Sherman County women after the international association allowed women to be members in the late 1980s. The Topside Lions merged with the Goodland Lions two years ago. "We sold blind-made products," Lawver wrote. "This was an annual event and carried on for many years. We held pheasant hunters pancake breakfasts, sponsored the Harlem Globe Trotter Basketball game and we painted house street numbers on curbs." One of the service projects Lawver recalled was collecting and repairing toys for needy children. "At Ray's Cafe," he recalled, "there was a lady cook. She had several children.... One, an 8-year old girl, had lost an eye.... This girl needed an artificial eye, which the mother could not afford. "This was just what the Goodland Lions were all about, so an eye was purchased for her at a cost of \$50. As the child grew, she needed a new eye each year. I think we got three eyes for her...." "Of course, we did not do these benevolent projects for the thanks, but it is a warm fuzzy feeling when we see the results of our good deeds. "Our motto 'We Serve' is as alive today as it was 50 years ago."

