

Flatlander committee asks to use Chambers Park

By Tom Betz
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The Flatlander Fall Festival is seven weeks away, and the committee is asking the city for permission to use Chambers Park on Sunday, Sept. 24, to extend the festival with a picnic.
Lincoln Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson Hotel and a member of the Flatlander committee, asked the council Monday for help on six items.
“I am not here to ask for any money,” Wilson said. “We appreciate the money from last year, but I can report that the Flatlander committee is in a position to start on its own.
“The event has grown and we want to make it a two-day event with a Sunday “picnic in the park” theme. We are going to have hot dogs and hamburgers for \$1, and will have entertainment. We are asking some of the vendors from Saturday to consider being at Chambers Park on Sunday, and will not charge them any fee to set up there.
“We have grown the entertainment side for Saturday and will have eight to 12 groups entertain.
“I am here to ask for some stuff from the city.
“First is to ask the city to block off Main

for Flatlanders. I think we need to ask and not just take it for granted.”
Mayor Rick Billinger asked the commissioners if they had any objections. There were none, and Billinger said that was OK.
Wilson said the dates are Sept. 22-24, plus there will be a golf tournament on Friday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. He said the idea is to have people who come early have an opportunity to play. He said the event would be handled by Sugar Hills and cost \$35 per team.
He asked about having a banner across Main, and said he was told the city might be able to hang one on the poles by Central School.
Charlie Bandel, line crew superintendent, said the city put a banner up for the first time for the Alumni Reunion, and hopes to keep the cable there all the time.
“I am asking the city’s help to provide bleachers for Saturday and Sunday events,” Wilson said. “We know the city has done the bleachers for the Saturday events, but would ask for the bleachers to be at Chambers on Sunday.”
Rich Simon, public works manager, said as long as the city can use the same bleachers for both Saturday and Sunday he thought they could be moved.

Billinger asked if there would be any problems with moving the bleachers and Simon said the city crew could handle it as long as there was time between the events.
Wilson asked for a beer garden permit for the lot south of Murray’s Custom Body and Paint at 1509 Main, where Herl Chevrolet used to park cars.
Billinger asked if this would be a temporary permit, and Wilson said it was for Saturday only.
City Clerk Mary Volk said she could get the permit form to Wilson to have on the Aug. 21 city agenda.
Wilson said the committee is asking for a second beer permit for Chambers Park on Sunday. He said it would be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the picnic.
Billinger asked if that was possible under the city ordinance.
Volk said the present ordinance does not allow any alcohol on city property, but there are exceptions for the Carnegie Arts Center and the terminal building at Renner Field.
Billinger asked if the city could change the ordinance to allow a beer garden at Chambers.
Police Chief Ray Smee said if there is a beer garden at the park, the committee

would have to show that more than 50 percent of the proceeds will come from something other than beer.
Wilson said they are estimating that 1,500 people might attend on Sunday.
Commissioner John Garcia said he would have a problem with a beer garden in the park because it would be close to churches, and he would have a problem because of his religious convictions with selling beer on Sunday.
Billinger asked how would the committee be able to know that more than 50 percent of the income would be from something other than beer.
Wilson said he does not expect a lot of people to buy beer on Sunday, but that the committee wanted to have it available.
Commissioner Josh Dechant said he did not have a problem with a beer garden at Chambers, but wondered if they wanted to allow this for all parks.
Billinger said he felt the ordinance could be adjusted to allow beer in city parks with an approved permit from the commission.
Chief Smee said he did not think the city wanted to allow alcohol in the parks all the time, and that he wanted the language in the ordinance to be specific.
“What is the history of not allowing al-

cohol in the parks?” Garcia asked.
“The history is that cities did not want to encourage drinking on city property,” Smee said. “I want to be sure that if you are going to allow alcohol in the city parks we better make sure it is with a special permit.”
City Manager Wayne Hill said this was the first time such a request has come up since he has been here and he will have to read the ordinance.
“It may take some creative terminology to allow this under special permits,” Hill said.
Volk said if the city changes the ordinance, the Flatlander Committee will have to file a second special permit request for Sunday.
Wilson said the last thing the committee was asking for was use of Chambers Park and if it was possible to open the restrooms.
Simon said the restrooms are not in working order and are not open.
“The restrooms are used for storage because they are not working and are not handicapped accessible,” he said.
Billinger said the committee might have to use the portable toilets that will be set up on Main on Saturday.
Wilson said that was the second option. He said the portables cost about \$1,000 a day.

City budget for next year lowers property tax levy

BUDGET, from Page 1
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In other business, the commission:
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• Approved a request for reimbursement to the state Department of Transportation for \$6,502 for work completed at 11th and 12th, and \$29,580 for work done at Ninth, 10th and 13th.
• Approved reappointment of Leo Townsend, a retired contractor, to a three-year term on the Board of Building Appeals.
• Approved an ordinance establishing the property tax levy for library purposes not to exceed 6.75 mills. Volk said the levy was raised

from 5 mills to allow money to be put in capital reserve to replace the money being spent this year on air conditioning and heating systems for the library.
• Approved an ordinance required by state law for the increase in tax revenue planned under the new budget. Volk said the city had to pass the ordinance because the projected increase in spending and a lower level of debt means the budget for next year exceeds the state formula by the anticipated increase of \$109,839.
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District Traffic
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:
May 15, 2006 — Serbiy Bragin, \$360 for first conviction for driving while suspended and \$42 for speeding.
June 11 — Samantha D. Burkett, \$150 for speeding.
June 13 — Amber D. Butcher, \$138 for speeding.
June 18 — Lisa A. Capobianco, \$90 for speeding.
June 23 — Thomas E. Chiniewicz, \$150 for speeding.
June 24 — Charles C. Carmichael III, \$150 for improper parking.
July 2 — Naomi S. Brown, \$126 for speeding.
July 5 — Alanna C. Clark, \$126 for improper parking.
July 6 — Enequina L. Arreola, \$126 for improper driving on laned roadway and \$20 for no child safety seats.
July 9 — Robert D. Bellis Jr.,

\$123 for over weight load.
July 10 — James E. Calhoun, \$99 for over weight load.
July 11 — Joseph R. Benavidez Jr., \$201 for speeding.
July 12 — Timothy S. Bright, \$210 for speeding.
David W. Cheever, \$120 for speeding.
July 16 — Tracy L. Black, \$192 for speeding.
Cathy R. Brister, \$126 for speeding.
Jennifer A. Carroll, \$126 for speeding.
July 22 — Coban R. Bassett, \$120 for speeding and no liability insurance.
Jose A. Cadena, \$246 for not yielding to an emergency vehicle.
July 25 — Rory S. Camangian, \$237 for improper parking.
Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:
July 27 — 11:40 p.m., 1321

Broadway, arrested Robert Hartzler for disorderly conduct, domestic battery against Melody Hartzler and obstructing legal process. Victims were Melody and Robert Hartzler and officer John Bowman. Case referred to county attorney.



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Crossword Puzzle

"That Ain't Hey!"

ACROSS

- Bikini parts
- Triangular sails
- They beat tens
- Wash up
- Biblical garden
- Depth charge target
- State positively
- Suffix with million
- Dreadlocked one, for short
- Helping after seconds?
- Ryan of "You've Got Mail"
- In one piece
- Ankle bones
- "Unhand me!"
- Destroyer, slangily
- Hardly tanned
- Butter holders
- Motown founder Berry __ Jr.
- Brewpub offering
- Puts in more film
- Mag. staffers
- "__ fast, buster!"
- Toy block maker
- Apollo's instrument
- Early German
- River of Lyons
- Kama __
- __ oneself of (sell off)
- A-Rod award of 2005
- Imprisoned actress Susan?
- Like a howl in the night
- Apple throwaway
- Iranian monetary unit
- Holey utensil
- Limburger emanation
- Suffix with major or kitchen
- More foxy

DOWN

- World-weary
- Poe's "nevermore" speaker
- Fend off
- Bootlicking
- MacDonald of old musicals
- Hippie's "Understood!"
- Ernie's Muppet pal
- Hagar the Horrible's dog
- Assembles, in an improvised way
- "__ Daba Honeymoon"
- Outer-space actor Fernando?
- Allie's sitcom pal
- Dateless
- Steamed feeling
- "Mangia!"
- __ Caps (candy brand)
- Beach scavenger
- Double-reed instruments
- Info on a mailing env.
- Wall Street letters
- Respire like a dog
- Natural burn soother
- Lions' supplication?
- Heroic tale
- Soda in a float
- Makers of margin markings
- Early Beatle Sutcliffe
- Young hare
- Gun rights org.
- Nada
- Fancy neckwear
- Archie Bunker's wife
- 1954-77 defense gp.
- Steven of Aerosmith
- Boot camp fare
- Part of a bride's attire
- Well-__ (rich)
- Mineral in spinach
- "__ had it up to here!"

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