

# Pioneer Park sign project on hold

**By Tom Betz**  
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City commissioners decided Monday to put proposed signs for Pioneer Park and a new entrance sign at K-27 and business U.S. 24 on hold until they can be reviewed by the city's engineer.  
The Rev. Gene Tromble appeared at the public session of the meeting and handed out copies of information about the proposed signs.  
Tromble said he had been out to measure the green electric box at the park and saw a lot of weeds.  
"I cleaned out three sacks of these," Tromble said. "I am not sure I made much of a dent."  
"Kiwanis has put in a new picnic bench, and plans to add another one next year. We want to keep improving the park, and these signs would identify things around the park."

## Beer garden dropped

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garden for this year."  
"Then you are talking about the application for one beer garden on Saturday?" Mayor Rick Billinger asked.  
Wilson said yes, and it would be south of Murray's Custom Body and Paint shop, 1507 Main.

Dechant made a motion to approve the permit. Commissioner Dave Daniels seconded and it passed 4-0. Commissioner Annette Fairbanks was absent.  
The commission returned to the tabled ordinance allowing special permits for alcohol in all city parks, and when Billinger asked for a motion there was no response. Billinger declared the ordinance dead for lack of a motion.

ing the latest version of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. Police Chief Ray Smee said the new ordinance has some minor changes to wording, and incorporates the new rules for child passenger seats.  
A new section says a "child between 4 and under 8 years of age (who) weighs less than 80 pounds or is less than 4 foot, 9 inches tall, must be in approved child passenger safety restraining system."  
"For a child between 8 and under 14 years of age or who weighs more than 80 pounds or is more than 4 foot, 9 inches, a safety belt is required."  
"Fine increased from \$20 to \$60."  
Smee said the penalties for a third offense of driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked and for operation of a motor vehicle when a habitual violator have been increased to a fine of \$1,500 and 90 days in jail.  
He said another section added that drivers have to move over or slow down when passing stopped emergency vehicles and highway

construction or maintenance vehicles.  
He said there is a new provision that car lights are required to be on when the windshield wipers are in continuous use during rain, sleet or snow.  
• Approved an ordinance which adopts the latest version of the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities. Smee said the ordinance allows a diversion agreement on a domestic battery case, and raises the fine for unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcoholic liquor or beer from \$200 to \$1,000, making it a Class A misdemeanor.  
He said fines for criminal damage to property, criminal use of a financial card and criminal desecration have been increased from \$500 to \$1,000.  
The new code includes sections dealing with the new concealed carry law. It lists where a concealed weapon cannot be carried, that business can post their premises to prohibit concealed weapons and makes it a crime to carry a concealed weapon when impaired.  
Municipal Judge LeAnn Taylor

said a diversion agreement is a contract with the court where the person agrees to perform certain things. If they follow the rules she said, the case usually is dismissed, but if they do not, they will face prosecution.  
• Approved a resolution allowing the city to submit an application for a planning grant to do a study for the Safe Routes to Schools project. Hill said the application would be for \$15,000 to do the study. He said the project has been discussed with the school district, and after the study is completed, the city would apply for a grant to make suggested improvements.  
• Approved moving the next commission meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 5, because the city offices would be closed on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.  
• Received a letter from the Sherman County Alumni Association thanking the city crew for their help with the five-year reunion. Hill said he felt crews did as much as they could to help the alumni, and that since many of the employees are alumni, it was good to see them helping to make the city a beautiful place for their former classmates.  
Mayor Billinger said he wanted to personally thank the city employees for their efforts.  
Daniels said he had a couple of people during the reunion comment on how nice the city looked.  
There was a question about the alumni banner across Main, and Daniels said it did sort of get loose in the wind. He suggested the city might consider putting up a second cable to tie all four corners of a banner down.  
The meeting began at 5 p.m. and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

## Ag development excites state senator

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timing and be the right person for that time. He hadn't decided if he was that person.  
"I feel we need to get the basics right," he said. "We've got to get the culture moving in the right direction for families."  
Brownback, who lives in Topeka, was born in Garnett. He grew up on a farm near Parker and graduated from Prairie View High School in Linn County. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1979 and got a law degree from

the University of Kansas in 1982.  
He served as Secretary of Agriculture from 1986 to 1993 and was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1994. In November 1996, he won a special election to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Bob Dole, defeating Sheila Frahm of Colby, who had been lieutenant governor when she was appointed to the post. He was re-elected in 1998 and 2002.  
"I believe in term limits," he said. "I plan to only serve two terms in the Senate, which I said I would do."

## Tap fees to cover costs

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would be part of the cost.  
"We cannot make it with copper at \$6 a foot."  
Commissioner John Garcia said he remembered the discussion coming up during the budget work session.  
Mayor Rick Billinger asked what the cost is going to be for a water tap.  
"It depends on what it costs," Rich Simon, public works manager said.  
"We are talking about the material costs," Hill said. "We are losing our tails on this."  
"It does not include labor," Billinger said, "but we are going to recover the cost of the materials."  
"On three-phase, it will be what it actually costs?" Commissioner Josh Dechant asked.  
"Whatever it costs today or three weeks from now," Hill said.  
"With the fluctuation on copper and cost, it should be fair," Billinger said.  
Commissioner Dave Daniels asked about a phrase in the water section that said "All services and meters shall be actual cost, but not less than \$1,000."

"Why nothing less than \$1,000?" Daniels said. "These are for new services aren't they?"  
"Yes, it is for new water service," Hill said.  
"Why are we doing the price?" Billinger said. "Could you install a meter for less than \$1,000? Just asking cost wise."  
Simon said it would be tight, but agreed it might be a little less than \$1,000 in some cases.  
Dechant suggested scratching out the part about \$1,000.  
"What if the cost does drop below \$1,000?" Daniels asked.  
Hill said it would not be a problem to scratch that part, but he did not feel the price would go below \$1,000.  
The motion by Dechant was amended, and the second by Garcia was amended to remove the phrase "but not less than \$1,000."  
The amended ordinance passed 4-0. Commissioner Annette Fairbanks was absent.  
Dechant asked when the ordinance would take effect, and City Clerk Mary Volk said it would be after it was published in *The Goodland Star-News*.

## Firemen accused of theft of cigarettes at wreck scene

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miles west of Goodland, Selby said. The truck was loaded with boxes of cartoons of cigarettes and the truck had rolled onto its side in a ditch.  
The roll over split the trailer open and some of the \$1.5 million load spilled out. One of the boxes broke open and cartons of cigarettes littered the ditch, she said.  
Proffitt was able to free himself from the truck before the firemen

arrived, Selby said. The firefighters were there because of concerns about fire.  
"They went about checking for gas leaks and got (Proffitt) loaded into the ambulance," Selby said. "They did their jobs professionally."  
The alleged theft is thought to have happened after the driver was loaded into the ambulance, she said.  
A sealed box of cigarette cartons and an opened box were loaded onto

the fire truck, Selby said. When confronted by witnesses at the scene Normandin unloaded the cigarettes.  
"(Normandin) is the one believed to have loaded the two boxes," she said. He is also accused of putting cigarettes into his firefighter's suit.  
Gilmer apparently had put a carton inside his firefighter suit, but took it back out voluntarily.  
Selby said that is why she charged Gilmer with attempted theft, be-

cause he knew he had done something wrong, and did what he could to rectify it.  
Selby thought it was a case of individuals making poor decisions.

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## Crossword Puzzle

### Grid Lineup

#### ACROSS

- Links rarities
- Fable finish
- Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Cornmeal cake
- Pop up
- Scandinavian capital
- Pierce portrayer
- Playboy feature
- Thickets of trees
- Long-necked beasts
- Fielder's flub
- Toon Chihuahua
- Bermuda and Vidalia
- Hollywood's Hoffman
- Teed off
- Not using drugs
- Terrible twos, e.g.
- Radio's Don
- Goliath's challenger
- Eight: Prefix
- Ice, in a bar
- Extend, in a way
- Heyerdahl's "\_\_\_-Tiki"
- Fancy digs
- Actor Day-Lewis
- Align the cross hairs
- PGA legend Sam
- One in concurrence
- Cascades peak
- Military lookout
- Blacken on the grill
- Touched down
- Fragrant compound
- Actress Spelling
- Run the show
- Recovery program, for short

- Board game turn, maybe

#### DOWN

- Swiftly, to Shakespeare
- Crayola choice
- Final result
- Add spices to
- Brits' raincoats
- It needs refinement
- Toe adornment
- Up and about
- Looked lustfully
- Broadway hit, in slang
- Beginning on
- Model Macpherson
- Divining devices
- Raised, as a flag

- Director Rohmer
- Moth-eaten
- Within earshot
- Didn't toss
- HBO competitor
- Where to get lures
- Analogy phrase
- An inert gas
- Mucky stuff
- "Famous" cookie man
- One of a seagoing trio
- Islands music
- Cozy room
- Vendor's spot
- Birthday thought
- Choice word
- Puts on the books

- Roosevelt's Bull \_\_\_ Party
- Pong maker
- "Mack the Knife" singer
- Ice cream thickener
- "Star Trek" helmsman
- Take a cruise
- Deco designer
- The Yankees' #3
- Novi Sad native
- Poseidon's domain

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