

City OKs phone, cable franchises for S&T

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland City Commission unanimously approved a five-year cable franchise and a two-year telephone franchise agreement with S&T Communications on Tuesday.

City Manager Wayne Hill said billing questions that S&T Manager Don Newell had brought up in August had been solved and the firm was ready to approve the agreements.

"We figured out that S&T does not have to itemize on the bills," Hill said.

"Will it show a 5 percent fee?" Commissioner Josh Dechant asked. "Will show 'Franchise Fee'," Newell said.

"It will show a dollar amount," City Clerk Mary Volk added.

Newell said everything was fine once they worked out the billing question.

Hill said it was the same contract as the city did with AT&T, formerly SBC and Southwestern Bell.

The agreement says the 5 percent of gross receipts per month is to be collected on services within the city limits.

The telephone franchise agreement allows the contract to renew automatically for up to 18 one-year terms beginning the third year, unless either the city or S&T notifies the other their intent to cancel at least 90 days before the end of the current year.

On the cable franchise, Hill said it is the same as what the city had with S&T before. The agreement

calls for a franchise fee of 75 cents per line per month.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if it was the same as the franchise with Eagle Cable, and Hill said it was.

Newell said he did not see a problem as long as it was the same as it has been in the past.

Hill said the city was not changing the rates or any of the details.

The franchise is for five years, he said, and can be extended for an additional 15 through five three-year extensions.

The commission approved an extension of the existing S&T telephone agreement to allow additional time for publication of the new ordinance to cover the 60 days required by state law before the new franchises are effective.

City to hear trashy complaints

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Criswell said a written complaint would be a public document.

"If I find an informal complaint, I don't reveal those names," he said. "I do follow up and investigate."

The second ordinance adds an environmental code to the city regulations.

"What are we doing with this?" Mayor Rick Billinger said.

"It is nuisance stuff," Criswell said. "It covers things that the other ordinances do not cover."

"I have read some of this," said City Commissioner Dave Daniels, "and I don't want it to get out of hand. "It lists vehicles. I don't want us going after the stock cars."

"We have a junk car ordinance that

would cover that," Criswell said.

"I don't want to jump on some senior citizen who has had a fence fall down and has not been able to get it fixed," Daniels said.

"We want to be careful," Billinger said. "We know you used good common sense, and trust you to approach this will that attitude."

"I am not going to go out and send everybody in town a letter," Criswell said.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said idea is to improve the appearance of the city and remove unsightly and hazardous items.

The third ordinance deals with dangerous and unfit structures.

Criswell said this basically changes the procedure the city would go through from a court fil-

ing to a hearing in front of the commission and then going to city court.

"How do you determine if it unfit for human occupation?" Commissioner John Garcia asked.

"The same way we do it now," said Mason, the city attorney. "If it is falling down, it is not fit for people to live in it."

Garcia said he did not want to go after people who are trying to do their best.

"I would not be going after anyone who is trying," Criswell said. "I will be looking at the abandoned ones."

Criswell said the basic change is the hearing process, and that the rest has been a city regulation for years.

The ordinances are published in today's *Goodland Star-News* on Pages 1b and 2b.

Manager gets praise, raise for first year

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and three have the newer controllers that work well.

"That is why they get stuck?" Billinger said.

Bandel said that is part of the problem.

• Approved the low bid on a radio repeater from Nextech for \$5,891. Prairie State bid \$6,427, with no bid from Larry's.

Bandel said the old repeater was worn out and they cannot get parts to fix it. Billinger asked if the water

system telemetry was included. Bandel said yes.

• Heard Hill report that the power panel is in for the new heat pump system for Steever Water Park and the city crew has begun the installation, digging a cut across the street.

• Raised a question about garage size limits. Daniels asked Steve Criswell, city building inspector, about changing the ordinance that limits the size of a garage to a percentage of the size of the home. Daniels said the idea would have to go to the planning committee, but he

would like to see it changed to where the homeowner can build a two-car garage. Criswell said he would take the idea to the committee.

• A joint meeting with Sherman County was suggested by Commissioner Annette Fairbanks to look at unifying some city and county programs. Hill said he would arrange a meeting with the county.

• Held a 10-minute closed-door session on attorney-client matters with the commission, City Attorney Jeff Mason, Hill, Volk and Rich Simon, public works manager.

Titans lose to Warriors, 40-30, in season opener Friday

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

After his Brewster-Triplains High School Titans lost their first game to the Grinnell-Wheatland Warriors 40-30 Friday in Grinnell, coach Beau Sheets said he had seen a lot of good things on the field.

"We did a lot of things right," he said. "We just had some rookie mistakes."

A lot of things did go right for the Titans in their first game as a merged team, including a balanced offensive attack which included 38 running plays and 35 passes for 149 and 267 yards, respectively

In the end it wasn't enough to overcome Grinnell's offensive line and Marty Lager, who ran or threw for five touchdowns, even turning a bad snap on a punt into a 75-yard touchdown run.

The Titans opened with a 60-yard scoring drive which concluded with Aric Grob finding Seth Carpenter open on third-and-nine from the Grinnell 13. Andrew Starns caught the 2-point conversion and the score

was 8-0 with 7:54 left in the first quarter.

The Warriors spent the rest of the quarter on their opening drive, only to be frustrated by the Titan defense on fourth-and-one from the Brewster 11. Kyle Kennedy was met at the line of scrimmage by what seemed to be the entire Brewster-Triplains team.

A quarterback change on the next drive saw rookie Jance McKee brutalized by the Warrior defense and ended with a Jeff Reid punt on fourth-and-16 from the Titan five.

That gave the Warriors the ball at the Titan 37 and Lager didn't waste any time, breaking six tackles to score on the first play.

The Titans' next drive ended with a punt from fourth and 30 and Grinnell took over on their own 35.

Two plays later, though, they were on the Titan 33 and Lager found Corey Kincaid open for a touchdown. The conversion failed, but the Titans were now down 14-8 with 3:58 left in the half.

Brewster-Triplains started the

next drive with Grob again at the helm, but was unable to make it into the endzone again. The Warriors, however, seemed to score effortlessly on the second play of their next drive to take a 20-8 lead.

The Titans, next drive ended with Lager picking off a pass from Grob to Reid with 14 seconds left. Only a solid hit from Sam Smith, who seemed to be everywhere on defense, saved another touchdown as the buzzer sounded with the score still 20-8.

Neither team was able to move the ball well at the beginning of the second half, but it was the Titans' turn to get a break. Grinnell decided to open up the offense a little and the Titans' Carpenter picked off a pass to Wade Wolf, giving Brewster-Triplains the ball on their own 21.

The Titans marched downfield on the running of Starns and Bryant Plummer until they stalled the Grinnell 33. On fourth and four, Grob found Carpenter open and a

Cowgirls beat Hays team



The Cowgirls varsity volleyball team beat Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hays at a quad meet at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday. Other teams at the quad were Burlington and Hays.

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matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department:

Aug. 22 — 1:23 p.m., 400 E. business U.S. 24, a 1986 Honda driven by Bobbie A. Burroughs was traveling west when a 1999 Oldsmobile driven by Kayla Weber tried to make a left turn in front of the Honda. Weber failed to yield the right of way from the stop sign.

Aug. 23 — 9:45 a.m., 400 E. business U.S. 24, a 1999 Ford driven by Jonathan W. Finley was backing up to allow a semi truck to turn left. Finley hit a 1999 Ford driven by Phyllis Dawes, which was stopped on the road.

2:20 p.m., 2510 Commerce, a 1993 Ford driven by Buckley D.

Williams was pulling away from the pumps and did not swing trailer wide enough hitting a 1988 Chevrolet driven by Sherry Anderson.

5:45 p.m., 2160 Commerce, a 2001 Chevrolet owned by Jon Anderson was parked at the Wal-Mart parking lot and was struck by an unidentified vehicle, which left the scene.

Aug. 24 — 7:33 a.m., 500 W. 13th, a 1992 Chevrolet owned by Martin Johnson was parked legally on the north side of the street when a 1993 Ford driven by Whitney Jordan Dautel, heading east, made an illegal turn into a stall and struck the Chevrolet.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

July 21 —

David A. Nunez, \$132 for speeding.

Kasie M. Weese, \$156 for speeding.

July 23 — Brian W. Ritter, \$156 for speeding.

Linda S. Shkedy, \$246 for failure to yield to emergency vehicle.

July 24 — Richard W. Hairston II, \$156 for speeding.

July 25 — Yisroel Brusowankin, \$120 for improper parking.

Elizabeth A. Doughty, \$132 for improper parking.

Eric S. Lawson, \$144 for speeding.

Cheri S. Reardon, \$192 for speeding.

July 28 — Gregory W. Carney, \$126 for speeding.

Lady Bulldogs win match over Weskan

The Lady Bulldogs of Brewster opened their season Monday at the Weskan Quad, winning three games.

Brewster defeated Plainview, Colo., 25-9, 25-19; Bethune, Colo., 25-12, 25-16; and Weskan 12-25, 25-22 and 25-22.

Senior Avery Schultz led Brewster with 34 kills, followed by senior Sarah Flanders with 11. Senior Megan Allen had five kills. Senior Audrey Hoyt led the team in assists with 22, followed by sophomore Britt Kammer with 17.

Schultz lead the team with four aces and 33 points; Flanders had three aces and 30 points, Megan Allen had one ace and 26 points,

Hoyt had 27 points, Kammer had two aces and 22 points and junior Melissa Baird had one ace and 16 points.

"Due to some injuries, we had to make several adjustments to our line-up," said Brewster coach Lynda McKee. "The team did an exceptional job of communicating with each other and playing together in spite of the changes. We had some young players come in off the bench and make some key plays for us. We were happy to get the three wins."

The Bulldogs' record is 10-0. The team next plays at the Atwood Quad on Saturday, Sept. 16.

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