

* Money set aside for runway improvements

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One of the reasons for the meeting with the Department of Transportation was to see if the city could get some of the asphalt millings that have been piled outside of Clayton.

Mr. Oelschlager said the department can sell millings for \$7 a ton to the city. If the millings were sold to private individuals, it would have to be through an auction. The millings outside of Clayton, he said, will be used in that project.

Ms. Grafel asked if any projects in the city would produce millings. Mr. Shike said the first of several projects to rebuild U.S. 36 in town will go to bid in December and the city will retain whatever millings aren't put back into the road.

Mr. Oelschlager said he isn't sure that millings would be better than rock for a base for the runway. Rock is more traditional as a base than overlay millings, said Mr. Young.

Right now, said Ms. Grafel, the city just wants to get something going at the airport. Mr. Young said the department doesn't tell a city what to do, but there are things that need to be done before any recommendations can be made.

In November, he said, he will be here to do an approach study. He said the area around the airport is "an obstacle rich environment" with the city water tower and lots of power lines.

For the runway to meet visual approach requirements, he said, it would have to start at the current taxiway.

Besides the money that has already been set aside, there are other options, said Mr. Young. The department is accepting grant applications now with a deadline of Sept. 30, 2007, or the city could use the Community Development Block Grant program, which doesn't give money for infrastructure, but does for other things.

Ms. Grafel said the county has

several of the Community Development Block Grants in the works now.

The city can start burying the power lines now, said Mr. Young, as long as it is done the right way and the paperwork is filled out. It seems that with shifting the runway and making it longer, taking off will be the issue, not landing, he said.

Is it up to the engineers to get that money that has been set aside? asked Ms. Grafel. Yes, said Mr. Young, and the city should lean on them to make sure they do the paperwork to get it taken care of.

It would also be good to get started on an environmental assessment through the federal agency, he said, since that could take some time. After it is done, he said, then you are ready to go.

He said it can take a while to get someone qualified to do the environmental report, but the city should put a time limit in the agreement. A reasonable time is 180 days, he said.

After that report is done, the city can start acquiring land and get any safety issues taken care of. The project will then need to be approved, said Mr. Young and it can be built. It is that simple.

The potential for economic growth should play a huge part in this project, he added.

Can the city do the land acquisition ahead of time without a penalty? asked Mr. Unger. Yes, said Mr. Young, as long as it is in the master plan for the airport which the federal agency has approved. The paperwork will have to be filed, too.

One thing to remember with getting a grant, said Mr. Young, is that the government is looking for places that want the work and are willing to help.

He said it looks like the city is already eligible to do some work to the apron, and he advised the officials to do that, then apply for more money.

At the table



THERE WAS A FULL HOUSE at the Oberlin Covenant Church fall celebration last Wednesday. Gavin Wasson (above) sat at a table waiting for the home-cooked turkey dinner. The church served people for over an hour, and often there was a line of people waiting to sit down.
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Nebraska bird season opens Saturday

Out-of-town hunters will start showing up this week as they prepare for the opening day of Nebraska's pheasant season on Saturday and then stay over for the opening day in Kansas on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Nebraska's season traditionally has started the weekend before Kansas. Although Kansas moved opening day up a week this year, so did Nebraska.

Bob Woolsey, owner of Dale's Fish 'N' Fun said in the years that Kansas has had the opening weekend a week after Nebraska, hunters

have come out for the first weekend then stayed the week to take part in the Kansas opener. That is good, he said, because it brings a lot of business to this area.

If the two season openers had a bigger split, then guys would have to start deciding which weekend they were going to come this way for, he said.

Mr. Woolsey said the store does get some business from hunters going to Nebraska for birds, especially for those who stay in Oberlin and then drive north to hunt.

The Frontier Motel reports having

reservations for people coming into hunt as early as this weekend, he said. Many then stay for the Kansas opener.

The only thing hunters can't get at the store on U.S. 36 are Nebraska licenses, which they have to buy once they get into that state.

Since Dale's does wholesale distribution, he said, the store supplies some of the hunting outlets in Nebraska, said Mr. Woolsey.

Rocky Hoffman, public information officer out of North Platte with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, said the pleasant season

opens a half hour before sunrise Saturday and will stay open until Jan. 31. There is a three-bird daily bag limit and a possession limit of 12 birds after the fourth day.

Last year, hunters in southwest Nebraska reported the best numbers in probably 20 years, Mr. Hoffman said. This year's brood count shows a similarly season to last year, he said, although numbers in the central part of the state it will be lower.

Mr. Hoffman said Nebraska offers many walk-in hunting areas, and hunters should be sure to pick up a book from the commission.

* Treatment center might open here

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with the people at Valley Hope in Norton, who work with older youths in their inpatient program.

Besides checking into the licensing, he said, he is also looking at the possibility of contracting with Nebraska, since Oberlin is so close to the border. He was asked about contracting with Colorado, too, but isn't sure if there is a need because of the distance between Oberlin and the state line.

Another part of the process, said Mr. Bechler, is making sure his firm can hire and train a qualified staff. They would need direct care staff, who have to be 21 years or older, have a high school diploma and preferably have experience working with teens. Employees would then go through training. They also would need case managers, who need to have a college degree and have experience or state certification, and counselors, who have to

have state certification.

If the program happens, he said, they are looking at 18 to 21 beds, which would mean most of the residents would have their own rooms. They would need to hire about 20 to 25 staff members, so there would be a good ratio between the staff and the boys.

This program would specialize with substance abuse treatment, he said, and some might be good candidates to move into the 180 House.

The intermediate home would not be a locked facility, although there would be some security measures, he said.

Mr. Bechler said he has talked with City Administrator Gary Shike to let them know that he won't be making a decision until the beginning of the year.

King's Achievement Center's lease on the ranch doesn't expire until the end of this month, so the city isn't out any rent yet.

* Park advocates ask questions

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some years it might be dry? asked Mr. Shike.

If the wetlands start to dry up, can more water be released into the creek? asked Mr. Pauls. That is an operational decision at the plant, said Mr. Miller. As long as the discharge meets state requirements, it shouldn't be a problem.

It wouldn't mean more water though, said Mr. Shike, it would just mean that the time between the discharges would be different.

The bottom line, said Councilman Joe Stanley, is the creek will get all the water that can be sent.

Dr. May, said Mayor Shobe, has a good point. Can we afford to design and build a wetlands if there isn't enough water?

Mr. Miller said the creek will get some more water when the city puts in a water treatment plant. That will be an additional 30,000 to 50,000 gallons a day in outflow.

The new waste water plant has to be completed by December, said Mayor Shobe. Then it will take some time to fill it and for the first

discharge.

One thing the city can do, he said, is get in touch with Dennis Haag from the Watershed Institute, which is drawing up the plans and see where they are with that

Chilly temps mean it's time for flu shots

Chilly weather has set in and the leaves are falling, which means winter is right around the corner, and with it, flu season.

The Decatur County Health Department at 902 W. Columbia will be giving flu shots from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday for \$20. Marilyn Gamblin, department administrator, said they don't bill insurance companies,

but if someone has Medicare, they will bill it.

Everyone else can pay by cash or check. Ms. Gamblin said people don't have to make an appointment.

She said she thinks the health department is the only place in the county to get the shots.

So far, she has 300 doses, half of what she is supposed to get. Unlike

past years, no shortage is expected. People can get the shot up to December or early January, she said, and December to March is flu season.

After you get the vaccine, said Ms. Gamblin, it takes two weeks to get your immune system built up.

She said the department plans a flu clinic in Norcatur next Wednes-

day at the community building.

People who should get flu shots include kids from six months to five years, pregnant women, those 50 and older, people with chronic conditions and those in nursing homes or long-term care.

Side effects can include soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given, a low-grade fever and aches.

Spooks to parade on Penn

Princes, princesses, movie characters, pirates and more will march down Main Street on Tuesday in the annual Trick or Trunk parade.

The march will start at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center at 4 p.m. Kids dressed in costumes will work their way south to the intersection of Hall and Penn, where they will double back and go trick or treating at Main Street businesses.

The event, sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance, is open to all kids.



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