

City continues utility donation for museum

Oberlin City Council members agreed to continue a \$3,500-per-year donation of utilities to the Last Indian Raid Museum, a tradition with the city for many years, but a gesture which has to be voted on by each council.

"We have to vote on it every year," said Councilwoman Rhonda May at the March 18 meeting, noting that the council can't set policy for future councils.

Mayor Joe Stanley asked if the donation was for all city utilities — including water, sewer and trash removal, or just electricity. City Administrator Austin Gilley said he thought it was for the entire bill.

The administrator noted that an offer to have museum volunteers sift through old city records and preserve those with historical value was "no longer possible." At the last meeting, council members had asked for an hourly rate for the work so they could assess the offer's value.

In another matter, the council accepted a \$37,742 bid from McCook Contracting LLC to remodel office space at The Gateway for a new city business office. The business office will move into undecorated space near the west door now used by the civic center manager, who will move to the glass-enclosed front office off the lobby.

While the city received only one bid for the work, said the engineer, Chris Miller of McCook, "The good news is it was at the low end of the original estimate."

In other business, the council:

- Approved a two-year contract with Larry Van Otterloo of Norcaur, to trim trees along city utility lines for the next two years at a rate of \$126 per hour for a three-man crew. He was the only bidder, Mr. Gilley said, but his performance the last time was good.

Mayor Joe Stanley noted that damage from ice storms had been minimal after the last round of trimming, "So it does pay for itself."

City Foreman Dan Castle said the work would be mostly along primary lines, noting that trimming along the secondary, or service lines, which connect to houses, causes most problems with homeowners.

• OK'd a lawn maintenance agreement with Larry Fought of Oberlin to mow, trim and clean up six parks and the airport, including City Park, both roadside, or "state," parks, Zodrow and Boy Scout parks and the ball fields.

The price for a complete round of mowing would be \$1,175. Mr. Gilley said in his notes to the council that this was lower than the cost last year. He said, depending on weather, the staff estimates the cost at \$35,000 to \$45,000, still below the cost of hiring a crew member to do the work as had been done in the past.

He said the lower bidder on the Gateway grounds, V.W. Sauvage, had withdrawn his bid. The staff will look at having the crew mow that area or maybe asking Mr. Fought to add it to his list, the administrator said. A part-time worker, Dalbert Bruning, mows at Sappa Park, he said, but the summer crew will be a little short this year with one less part-time worker hired.

• Heard a request for the city to have a float in the parade this fall

celebrating the city's 125th anniversary, part of a planned year-long observance. The mayor asked for a volunteer from the council to "head up the float committee," go to meetings and represent the city, but no one spoke up.

"This is the city's celebration, and we want you in our celebration," said Connie Grafel, Economic Development marketing manager, who was representing the planning committee.

She said plans to include a community church service, a potluck dinner and music in the park for the Fourth of July and other events.

"We'd like the city to consider a free barbecue one night of the fair," she said.

The mayor said if no one volunteers, he might appoint someone.

• Heard that that the city has asked for a cost estimate on a satellite-based map of its electrical facilities, with locations marked by GPS. Existing maps are more than 30 years old, Mr. Gilley said, adding, "We don't really know where things are. It'll help in just a ton of ways."

• Learned that the city is working with the Kansas Rural Water Association on a rate analysis for the city's water utility, including the cost of paying off a proposed \$4.4 million to \$6 million state-required water treatment plant and replace some lines.

Miller and Associates, the city's engineers, is working on final plans and specifications for the treatment plant, he noted.

• Heard from Mr. Gilley that the city has started looking for bond counsel to put together a financing package for several projects, including the airport runway renovation, the water treatment plant and a proposed motel, which could use "recovery zone" bonds under the federal stimulus program. He said he hopes to have a proposal by next month.

• Held a 15-minute closed-door session with the administrator, council, attorney and clerk to discuss legal matters. No action was taken afterward.

• Set the April meetings for April 8 and 22 rather than the first and third Thursdays, since otherwise the first meeting would be April 1.

• Heard the mayor proclaim the annual spring cleanup burn dates from March 21 to May 9. Property owners can burn yard debris in the open, observing safety conditions, during that time.

• Heard that the city has at least one part of a landscaping plan for The Gateway. Councilwoman Rhonda May urged the staff to have the plan finished, accounting for a planned circle drive at the front entrance, so work can start soon on other parts.

"If you go ahead with the plan," she said, "some of that can get done in the fall."

• Heard that the administrator had made eight appearances at civic groups in the last two weeks and written a column on the sewer lagoon issue.

• Received a three-page prioritized list of 71 projects the city is working on, with switching to a new utility billing system, filling out city board and finishing out the books for June through October for the auditors as the first three items.

In the heat of the day



AT THE SWIMMING POOL on Monday afternoon the south side one wheel barrow at a time. Wayne Hackney and crew poured concrete for decking on — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

County road crew to blade soft spots

With the nice weather and things thawing out, the Decatur County road crew is out blading.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said there are a lot of soft

spots on the roads. Those happen because the area had really good subsoil moisture and then a good hard freeze. When things start to thaw out, he said, the structure of the

road can have some problem spots or soft spots.

The best thing to do, said Mr. Stallman, is to let nature take its course and keep the roads bladed

and in shape.

The crew is out blading the county roads now and then will do the township roads.

ANNUAL SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 3rd, starting at 9:30 a.m. MDT
Location: Homestead Realty Auction Lot, East Hwy 24, Goodland, KS.

TRACTORS, TRUCKS, COMBINES, TRAILERS: 1997 NH 9682, 20.8 x 42, 12sp manual, 4 remotes, performance monitor, new battery, recent full service, field ready. Only 5071 hrs; JD 8650 tractor, duals, bare back, 9184 hrs.; Ford TW 30 tractor, W/GB loader, grapple fork, duals, quick hitch; IH 915 Combine, gas; IH 24' header W/pu reel; JD 760A paddle scraper; JD 510C backhoe, cab; 2001 Bob Cat 453 skid loader W/36" bucket; 1986 Cat. 5500lb fork lift pneumatic tires; MF 2500 all terrain forklift; Satoh FWA diesel tractor W/loader; Ford 1920 diesel tractor W/7108 loader; Ford 445A — 4x4 diesel tractor W/loader; IH W-6 tractor, gas, runs good; 1944 Farmall H, overhauled, good tires; MM-U tractor, gas, hand clutch W/cable scoop; 2005 IH 4300 W/Circle D Flatbed, 466 motor, 6sp, nice; 1996 Freightliner, 12.7 Detroit, only 660,000 miles; 1982 Freightliner, cab over, 350 Cummins, 9sp.; 1991 Freightliner, N-14 Cummins, 9sp trans, runs good; 1999 GMC 7500 cab & chassie, single axle, 6sp Allison auto, 3126 Cat motor; 1981 Chevy C-70 bulk fuel truck, 1500 gal tanks, pump; 1982 Ford F-600 dump truck, 10' bed; 1986 Ford LTL 9000, 400 Cummins, 13sp; 1976 Ford LN 8000, 3208 Cat, 5&2 trans; 1992 Freightliner, N14 Cummins, 290,000 on in-frame OH; IH cabover diesel W/24' silage box; KW T-600, long wheel base, M11 Cummins; 1989 Freightliner, long wheel base, N14 Cummins; 2000 Freightliner FL60 W/26' steel flatbed, lift gate; 1996 Ford F series diesel, auto, W/backhoe attachment, large air compressor, only 36,000 actual miles, nice; 1800 IHC W/18' box & hoist, gas; Ford F350 dually bucket truck; 1953 GMC truck, 14' box, needs clutch; 1942 Ford service truck W/winch; 1989 Transcraft 42' drop deck trailer, air ride; 1997 Merritt hopper bottom grain trailer; 1969-38' Tempte hopper bottom trailer, RO tarp; 53' Dry box trailer, for storage, no title; 1981 Fountain 48' drop deck sprayer trailer; Belly dump gravel trailer, double doors; Jantz 5 wheel combine trailer, 8' to 12' adjustment; 1986 - 32' Escott steel end dump trailer; 30' steel end dump trailer; 1990 Travelall 28' GN trailer, 3-7K torsion axles; Newer 6' Circle D flat bed trailer; Tandem axle 5th wheel trailer W/3000 gal water tank. **EQUIPMENT:** 2004 Knight Verti-Maxx 5073 mixer, twin augers, digital scales; FK 5x6 sweep, new blades; Richardson 5x5 Sweep W/pickers, newer blades; JD 7300 — 8 row planter, liquid fert. Insecticide boxes, all updates, field ready; Buffalo 8 row cultivator, always inside; JD 1060 — 48" field cultivator W/tine harrows; FK 48' rod weeder; Krause 24' chisel; FK 4 x 6 sweep W/pickers; Farmhand Powerbox manure spreader; 8 row tool bar; M & W 15' batwing mower; DMI 4200 Fert. Applicator, Liquid & NH3; 2 JD stock choppers; KMC 8 row rolling cultivator; 3 pt fork lift attachment; 720 gal. polly tank, water only; 2 new single axle trailers, 5 1/2 x 11 & 5 x 9; 36' round bale trailer; 48' Expandable

hay trailer; 6 Round bale mover, pto W/pu attachment; Shafer 14' tandem disc; 50' x 6" auger W/motor; Miller 32' rod weeder; 8" Hutchinson auger W/swing out hopper; 8" x 51' Mayrath auger; McCormic Sichel mower; 2 JD 16-10 disc drills; Wick sprayer. **MISC ITEMS:** 51 Jts 8" irrigation pipe, 20" gates; 63 Jts 6" pvc irrig. pipe, 20" gates; 4 pipe trailers; Coats 2020 tire machine; IHC DT 436 engine core, good; Several tail water pumps; 40+ newer truck & trailer tires of all sizes; Miller portable welder; Belly mount saddle tanks; Band saw; 60 new 20' continuous fencing panels; Walker riding mower, 60" deck; Turf Blazer 727 diesel mower, 72" deck; 1982 Honda 50cc mophead; 1976 Kim 16' bp stock trailer; Portable round pen; Rolls of fencing; Sheep feeders; Good 20.8 x 38 tires; JD markers; PTO Hyd pump; Several Alfalfa valves; Hyd drill fill auger; GM pu bed liner; Yamaha 3 wheeler. **VEHICLES:** 1955 Packard Clipper Deluxe, 4 dr.; 1975 Ford 900 fire truck, everything works, 15,720 miles; 2005 Chevy 2500 Duramax diesel, standard cab, 115,000 miles, nice; 1996 Ford school bus, 5.9 Cummins, Allison auto; 1995 IH school bus, T444E diesel, Allison auto; 1982 F-600 — 10' dump truck; 1991 Ford Explorer, 4x4, 90,000 miles; 1992 Ford F-150 XLT, 4x4, auto, only 114,000 miles; 1963 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup; 2000 Chevy 1500, 4x4 pu, auto; 1996 Ford F-150 4x4, 5sp; 1996 Chevy 4x4, ext. cab; 1999 Jimmy, 4x4; 2006 Chevy 2500 HD 4x2, 73000 miles; 2004 Dodge Intrepid; 1998 Dodge 3/4 ton diesel, flatbed; 2004 Ford Crown Vic, 4 dr, 109,000 miles; 1990 Ford F150 W/ service box, 6cyl, 5 sp, 106K miles; 1986 Ford F350 dually, 4x4, 6.9 diesel, standard trans; 1990 Ford F150, 302 V8, auto; 1980 Chevy 1/2 ton pu, 4x4; Ford ranger pu, does not run. **ITEMS TO BE SOLD AT ABSOLUTE AUCTION:** 2007 Lincoln MKX, excellent condition, 80,000 miles; 2000- 35" - Rexhall Airbus motor home, 12,700 miles, loaded, double slides 6.5KW gen. ; 2005 Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle, 18,300 miles; 2001 V- Star 650 motorcycle, 3500 miles; White Cabover truck.; 53' Dry box trailer, on axles; 48' Reefer trailer, on axles; 2-90cc 4 wheelers, new; 2007 Kymco scooter; 2005 Genuine Stella pink scooter W/side car; New 50cc TCB scooter; 2-2007 Scooters; 2 snow cats, both run good.; 1984 Case W24B loader W/bucket & forks; 2007 Super Z mower, 60' deck, only 127 hrs; 1988 Ford 1 don dump truck W/snow blade; Ford F-250 4x4 W/snow blade; 8' Boss snow blade ; 1961 Wrecker truck.; Dirt mover, pulled behind snow cats; Antique 1964 Chrysler Imperial; Antique VW Golf car; 1998 Astro van.; 1981 Mercedes diesel car; 3 Arctic Cat snowmobiles; 2 Polaris snowmobiles; 1 Ski-Doo kids snowmobile; 2 snowmobile stands; Drag racing car (for details on this car go to www.goodlandhomestead.com); Interchangeable rear end for race cars; Onan diesel generator; Snap On tool box full of Snap On tools; Snap On sand blaster; Craftsman tool box; 8-24' 3/8" chains; 8 boomers; Matt Tracks for 4 wheelers; 427 Chevy motor

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