

# Engineer discusses city water project

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An engineer with Miller and Associates went through an update on the water treatment plant and water improvements for the Oberlin City Council.

On Thursday, May 19, engineer David Blau said the council and engineers have looked at different types of treatment plants, settling on an ion exchange. With this type of plant, he said, a contractor will come in and get the waste taken out of the water.

He said the engineering firm plans to submit the drawings to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the next few weeks.

The plan includes removal of iron and manganese for well No. 11, a central treatment plant, the first phase of distribution improvements and a new well No. 13 south of town.

The city agreed to a consent order with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to give it time get the treatment plant going. The order requires the city to have final design plans by Jan. 1, advertise for bids to complete the improvements by Feb. 1, accept and award the contract for the improvements by April 1.

It must have the upgrade and

improved water system treatment substantially completed by Jan. 1, 2013 and produce water that achieves compliance with the levels established for arsenic and combined uranium in public drinking water by March 1, 2013.

Those are deadlines that have to be met, said Mr. Blau.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch asked at what point they plan to apply for a permit to build the plant, because it has to be approved by the zoning appeals board. Mr. Blau said they plan to do that, and wouldn't set a bid date or accept bids until that permit is in place.

How close do the state Health Department and the federal Environmental Protection Agency work with each other? asked Mayor Bill Riedel. The federal agency, said Mr. Blau, sets the maximum contaminant levels and the state enforces them.

Mr. Blau said the water treatment facility has room for equipment to meet not just current standards, but any new standards that might be set.

Mayor Riedel said his only concern is he doesn't want to see the city start over in five years because there are new contaminants or lower limits.



# Decatur County is without a coroner

The owner of Pauls Funeral Home called the Decatur County commissioners last Tuesday in need of a coroner.

Rick Pauls said he had a gentleman at the funeral home who had died five hours prior and he'd been trying to reach Dr. Elizabeth Sliter for permission to cremate the body.

Dr. Sliter, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy, is no longer around as far as he knows. There isn't a county coroner, he said.

Isn't there a district coroner? asked Clerk Colleen Geishler.

Commissioner Gene Gallentine said they would make some calls.

Ms. Geishler said they probably need to find out what it takes to be a county coroner.

Mr. McEvoy called the Norton County Hospital to see if the needed form could get signed. Dr. Jeff McKinley is the district coroner and he works at the hospital in Norton.

The receptionist told the commissioners that they could fax the needed form to the hospital and anyone can sign it, without seeing the body.

Mr. McEvoy called Pauls Funeral Home back to pass along the information.

Who is the coroner in town? asked Derek Riner. The district coroner hasn't appointed one, said Mr. McEvoy.

Keep working on it, said Mr. Riner. It might be good to put some pressure on him to appoint someone who is here.



# Park work done

**AT SAPPA PARK** last week Jeff Leitner (above), Kendal Carman and Rick Pauls rowed a boat to shore after dumping bags of bentonite clay into the channel. Becky Ayers (left) carried a bag of the clay from the tractor to the boat.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# Event set here Friday for all Jayhawk fans

The University of Kansas plans to host a social event for the fans here on Friday.

The event starts at 6 p.m. Friday at the Teller Room Restaurant in the LandMark Inn. The university, said Jacob Strecker, assistant director of Kansas Programs, plans to host 60 of these events in a 90-day period in Kansas.

People can stop for a visit or to learn ways they can help the school from this area. The university will be handing out free t-shirts, Jayhawk crazy bands for the kids and stickers.

Anyone can enter in the drawing for a chance to win one of three items including, "At the Top of the Hill" framed print of Frasier Hall, dual framed Sports Illustrated covers featuring Mario Chalmers and Brandon Rush from the 2008 National Championship season or a 2011 men's basketball autographed

by the entire team.

Those attending can RSVP by calling Kerri Wright at (785) 864-9772.

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