

Council agrees to sell building for bid of \$1,015

The Oberlin City Council agreed to sell the former school house at the youth ranch to the highest bidder.

Administrator Karen Larson said at the meeting Thursday, July 7, that the city received two bids, one for \$1,000 from Fred Hardman and one for \$1,015 from Mark Meitl with the Leoville Knights of Columbus.

While there was some discussion about using part of the building to store lawn mowers at the cemetery, the council decided that could cost as much as a new building.

The council decided to sell the building, with Mrs. Larson to set a deadline for when it needs to be moved.

The council set a special meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway to start the budget discussion. Mayor Bill Riedel encouraged the council members to look over the proposed budget prior to the meeting. The city is going to have to raise water rates, he noted.

The mayor said a city employee had told him that there are people in town who have to decide each month between paying for water or prescriptions.

The city was able to cut some money out of last year's budget, he said, and the department heads are working on their "wish lists" for the council.

It isn't clear how much the recent storm is going to cost the city, he added, but there will be some. Hats off to the citizens who got out and got things cleaned up right away, said Mayor Riedel, and to those who helped their neighbors.

He noted that Mrs. Larson worked throughout the holiday weekend to keep the crews fed. She said the

mayor was right there with them. The administrator said she needs some direction on what to do about tree limbs. She said the city is getting some calls from people who need help disposing of limbs.

Councilman Rusty Addleman asked what the city is legally responsible for. City Attorney Steve Hirsch said the ordinance doesn't require the city to do anything.

There are tree services in town, said Councilwoman Fonda Farr. The city doesn't want to step on their toes.

Someone suggested that maybe the city crew could pick up limbs piled on the curb when they have a chance, but that could take six weeks.

In other business, the council:

- Gave Mrs. Larson permission to check into some costs to work on the cupola at The Gateway, which is leaking.
- Held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with the attorney, council, mayor and administrator. There was no action taken.
- Talked a little about street improvements and the cost, but didn't make any decisions.
- Heard that the city crew was working on a water main break at Maple and Garfield.
- Heard that the water tower had been painted and that a state inspector had been here to look at the tower.
- Held a 20-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege with the mayor, attorney, council and administrator. There was no action taken afterward.



PITCHING IN TO HELP with the "Feed My Starving Children" project in Imperial, Neb., above, were (from left) Marcia Lohofener, Karol Styles and Kayla Unger. Lonnie McEvoy (center below) was assisted by Kem Bryan (left) and Mary McEvoy.

— Photos by Pastor Linda Willey, Oberlin United Methodist Church

Volunteers help pack food for children

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Volunteers from churches around the region flocked to Imperial, Neb., on Friday and Saturday to help pack 225,000 meals for the "Feed My Starving Children" project at the Crossroads Wesleyan Church.

"The day began with an orientation with history as to how the program came about," said Deanna Castle. "We also saw pictures of before and after of kids on the feeding program, and what a difference!"

Each packing session was preceded by a short presentation where volunteers saw the condition of too many children around the globe who have been born in nations where abject poverty, severe malnutrition and death by starvation are a way of life.

"You're packing hope," Kevin Ewing, MobilePack supervisor with the program, told volunteers.

After everyone put on hair nets,



the volunteers went to work in the packing area, which was immaculate. No open-toed shoes were allowed and instructions were given to show how each package was to be put together: one scoop of chicken bouillon (unsalted), one scoop of dehydrated veggies, one cup of dehydrated soy and one cup of rice.

Each package must weigh be-

tween 380 and 400 grams, which is adjusted by adding or removing rice. The completed package contains six meals, volunteers learned. After each package is sealed, 36 packages go into each box.

"When we completed our work time, we were told that we made enough packages to feed 52 children for a whole year," Mrs. Castle said. "It was very rewarding

work. "Plans are to send a MobilePack to McCook in March and volunteers will be making plans to help."

Among those who participated were Orlin and Elvin Beneda, Marie McKisson and her sister, Carol Barkley, Alissa and Aubrey Sporn, Marcia Lohofener, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Carol Styles, Kayla Unger, Pam Van Vleet, Alyssa and Ravyn, Cheryl Metcalf, Sharon and Leroy Stevenson, Doris Fringer, Linda Weber, Ina Goodnight, Carolyn Shirley, Rhonda Barth, Valisha, Travis and Alana Raile, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Susan Nelson, J.D., Rachel, Madi and Gabi Johnson, Tylynn Peterson, Jenna Long, Jillian Peters, Bob and Deanna Castle, Madison Monaco, Kariah Castle, Lawson Monaco, Jeanne, Corey, Judith, Jesse, Calista and Christopher Isbell, Cindy Shirley, Kem Bryan, Pastor Linda Willey, and Kennedy and Konner Fortin.

Planning groups gets county money

The Decatur County commissioners agreed to give the Decatur Tomorrow organization \$500 for this year.

This is the last year of a three-year commitment to give \$500 a year, said County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler during the Tuesday, July 12, meeting.

Ms. Geihlsler asked commissioners about a situation with the transportation bus. She said they are called at least twice a month by a woman in Jennings who wants to be picked up there for a doctor's appointment here. While she's here, she goes to Dollar General, Raye's, the Bargain Box and runs other errands.

Ms. Geihlsler said they send the van to get her, not the bus, and the woman ends up tying up the van all day.

There wasn't much discussion on the matter, except to point out that is what the transportation bus is for.

Ms. Geihlsler asked what the commissioners had decided on the Nex-Tech phone line. Commissioner Stan McEvoy said he thought they decided to wait and see what happens. The firm, an affiliate of Lenora-based Rural Telephone, is installing fiber optic lines to connect public buildings in Oberlin. A plan to wire the rest of the town was put on hold after engineers discovered the line could not go on city power poles.

Custodian Bob Berls talked with the commissioners about his vacation days. He said he would like to go to North Carolina to visit his son, which will take all his days. He asked if he could build up three or four extra so he could still take a few days to work on his house.

The commissioners approved Mr. Berls accumulating a total of 16 days, but said he can't carry over more than 12 at the end of the year.

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Work day set at Sappa Park

Volunteers are needed Thursday to help install the last few pieces of new playground equipment at Sappa Park.

The work day will start at 10:30 a.m., and everyone is welcome. City crew members will be helping.

The Sappa Park Committee received a Kansas Health Foundation grant to buy the equipment.

sioners:

- Held a 10-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege with the commissioners, clerk and attorney. No action was taken.
- Approved buying a fuel pump for the sheriff's office jeep.
- OK'd transfer of \$5,000 from the general fund to transportation.
- Approved proposed township transfers.



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Carnival Schedule ----- Volunteers are still needed!						
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	Tuesday Aug 2	Wednesday Aug 3	Thursday Aug. 4	Friday Aug. 5	Saturday Aug. 6	
Basketball	E	Brenda & Renee				
Break-A-Plate	E	Hirschs	K of C	Shoemakers		
Ladder	E	Faith Lutheran	B.&P. Simonsson	Haags		J. Reichart
Golf	E	Faith Lutheran		Blacks		
Dart	E	Janice O'Hare	Janice O'Hare	Blacks		
Throws	E	Alif Be Khe	Alif Be Khe	Hospital	Misty & Noreen	Misty-DHS
Sinko	E	Alif Be Khe	Alif Be Khe	Hospital	Hospital	M&N-DHS
Toilet Toss	E	D.&Ashley Horton	Farmers Bank & Tr	Sarah Smith	Shawna Karl	Hirschs
Ric-A-Sha	E	Monday Eve Club	The Bank		American Legion	Willibys
Soda Can Toss	E	Ward Drug	PEO	PEO	Joe Stanley	Willibys
Pinko	E	Ward Drug	PEO	Connie Grafel		
Duck Pond	E	Kim & D Solko	Faith Lutheran	Faith Lutheran	Tallys	
Lolipop	E	Norma Anderson	Mary Lou Olson			
Tree	E	Norma Anderson				
Birthday Wheel	E	Haags	J. Reichert		Longs	Shoemaker
Hi-Striker	E	Mini-Sappa	Hirschs			R. Erickson
Golf	E	J. Reichert	Amanda G.			
Milk Can Toss	E		Connie Grafel			
Ferris Wheel	E	Rotary	Greg Grafel	K of C		Shoemaker
Carousel	E	Rotary	Rotary	K of C		
Tilt-A-Whirl	E	Rotary	Rotary	Rotary	Rotary	Rotary
Slide	E	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions
Big Swing	E	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions	Lions
Twist	E	R&M Service	Wayne Hackney	Wayne Hackney	Wayne Hackney	Glen S. C. Neff
Over the Moon	E	Crossroads	Sondra Fowler	Becky Tate	Hirschs	
Walk Octopus	E	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur
Train	E	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur	Norcatur
Kiddie Cars	E	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings
Kiddie Swings	E	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings	Jennings
	E		Pastor Charlotte		Pastor Charlotte	
	E	Hospital	Hospital	Hospital		
	E	D. Dempewolf/Hosp				
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