

# Members sworn in at meeting

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The May meeting of the Bird City Council opened with the swearing in of the newly elected members, appointment of committees and election of the council president. The council is also preparing for the Bird City 125 year anniversary celebration and a public open house.

### Swearing in city officials

DeAnza Ambrosier, city clerk, began the swearing in with Troy Burr as mayor. Mayor Burr continued with the swearing in of Wade Carmichael as council member and then the newest council member, Hal Sager.

Following the swearing in, Mayor Burr released Deb Smith from her position as council member and expressed appreciation for her contributions during her term.

### Appointment of committees

Mayor Burr moved on to appoint councilmen to the city committees: Ray Magnani on Personnel, Councilman Frank Serrano on utilities, Councilman Loren White on equipment, Councilman Carmichael on Parks and Recreation, and Councilman Sager on Streets.

Councilman Serrano was elected for another term as president of council. Mayor Burr appointed Mrs. Ambrosier to city clerk, Phyllis Carson to city treasurer and Dave Hickert to fire chief.

### Bird City's 125-year anniversary

Members began discussion by expressing the need to set up a committee of residents who would be interested in starting the preparations for the June 2010 celebration.

In addition, there will be members of the council who will sit with the committee to help in the organization.

Council members said it is necessary to get this project going because next summer will be here soon. Interested people are instructed to call the city hall and speak with Mrs. Ambrosier.

### Open house

The council discussed having an open house for the city hall. Mayor Burr told the members that he had talked with Stan Dorsch, and both agreed that with several remodeling projects going on around the community, there should be a day where residents can tour them all.

The members agreed on May 31, tentatively, to have a public open house for Bird City Library, senior center, Emergency Medical Service building and city hall.

### Cinco de Mayo

Mayor Burr asked Linda Schneider how the Cinco de Mayo celebration went. She reported that about 150 people were served and it was orderly and without incident.

Mrs. Schneider added that she

had talked to several people who had attended and they all thought it went well and would attend next year if in Bird City.

### Building permits

The council approved all submitted building permits: Dan Carson for a carport and fence; Darol Johnson for fencing around his property; Martin Estrada's permit was tabled from last month until it was confirmed construction would not disrupt water lines, and the Living Water Fellowship for construction around the south area of the building.

### Temporary help

With all the construction and remodeling going on in the city hall, the council agreed to advertise for temporary help to assist Craig White and Brad Schneider, city maintenance, and catch up on community jobs. It will be approximately two weeks of work (see classified ad.)

### Old lumberyard

Mayor Burr updated the council members on the progress with the burning of the lumberyard on Bird Ave.

He had talked with Rod Young about the proposal from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to bring in a chipping/grinding machine for the demolition of material, including nails. The department would foot the bill, the only expense the city would have would be transporting the chipped



MAYOR TROY BURR is sworn into office by clerk, DeAnza Ambrosier, at the city council meeting.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

material to the landfill and landfill fee. In addition, after talking with the county commissioners, the landfill fee may be waived. No action was taken.

### Fire station equipment

Councilman White updated from the last meeting, the fire hose needs to be replaced according to state requirements.

"The state requires fire hose replacement every 10 years," said Councilman White. "And it has been well over 10 years for our hoses."

The council approved to replace one-fourth of the fire hose every year for the next 4 years. Motion carried to purchase 300 feet at \$205 per 50 feet for \$1,230.

### City equipment

Councilman White reported the new tractor was in and would be delivered by Yost after they do an inspection. Donna Wright, Wright Insurance, suggested insuring both the new tractor and mower. The council agreed. No further discussion.

Council also approved the purchasing of a weed control sprayer. It was agreed one was needed for spraying the area around the wastewater lagoon. Motion carried to buy one from Bressler Aviation for approximately \$2,500 installed.

Mr. White brought up a discussion concerning the city water tower. He noted the last time it was cleaned, the crew said it needed to be painted and the ladder replaced for more safety. Mr. White was instructed to get quotes.

### Water lines

Councilman Serrano, Utilities Committee, asked about future plans to replace the city's water lines. Councilman Ray Magnani replied that it needs to be done and has been talked about for about the last 4 years.

Some discussion followed with the type of material that could be used and who would do the work. Members agreed it was time to start researching. No further discussion.

### Emergency building

The council received a change order and payment request from McGilvary Farms on the Emer-

## Bird City News

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch returned home Saturday after spending a week of visiting family and friends.

Their first stop was at Louisburg, where they spent the weekend with their son, Jim and wife, Lori. They enjoyed a brief visit with granddaughter, Cassie and friend, Matt Allen.

On Monday, they drove to Parsons and enjoyed lunch with cousins, Lydia Mae Woodard, and sister, Shirley and Ivan Lorimor.

Their next stop was at Broken Arrow, Okla., where they visited Hulda's brother, Art and wife, Loretta and their daughter, Janice and husband, Brad Young.

Beginning their trip back, they spent a day with son, Tom and family and on to Ellis for lunch with August and Edna Homburg. Lots of time was spent playing cards as there was lots of rain until they left Whitewater but the driest was right here at the Dorsch farm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fabrizio of Carson City, Nev., were Monday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch. They met at the Bird City Diner for breakfast Tuesday morning then George and Jean were on their way to WaKeeney to visit more of family and friends.

While staying at her mother's home, Meta Dankenbring, recovering from ankle surgery, Phyllis Wright and Meta had many family and friend visitors.

On Friday, Charlene (Bader) Truax, of Wilsall, Mont., was a guest of her Aunt Meta. Saturday evening, Chrill (Bressler) Pettit, Behn, of Evergreen, Colo, stopped by.

Recent visitors were Meta's granddaughter, Kelci Wright, of Frisco, Texas, along with her friend, Kenzie, of Salina. Great-grandson Miles and father Kevin Neville of Amherst, Va.

Also guests of Meta and Phyllis were Gerald Wright, Phyllis' husband; Cathy Loop, Canda Orten, Mary Ann Orten, and Wil Orten, Deanna Nelsen, Don Bruder, Lucille Wright, all of Bird City. Vic Dankenbring, and Keith and Cinda Dankenbring, all of St. Francis; Edna Roesener and Bethel Goltl, both of McDonald.



MYSTERY SOLVED — Dennis Hengen's industrial arts class is building a fireworks stand for the McDonald 4-H Club, the Beardsley Beavers. Pictured are Jacob White (l) and Jay Hewitt.

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Linda Schneider was a weekend visitor to Meta Dankenbring's home and was given a gift of homemade horseradish.

Dean, Joan and Jessie Smith spent the weekend visiting Jason and Laura Smith in Minneapolis.

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Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2009 Budget

The governing body of **CITY OF BIRD CITY** will meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

**Summary of Amendments**

Fund	2009 Adopted Budget			Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount that was Levied	Expenditures	
GENERAL	43.113	102,061	266,392	296,392
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*Phyllis Carson*  
Signature

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Cinco de Mayo was a lot of fun because of the many volunteers! Thanks to the women who did all of the cooking, to those who helped set up and clean up, Community Club, Lions Club, Century II, Go-Getters 4-H Club American Legion Hall and Hometown Market for their help with Cinco de Mayo.