

City Council asks residents to clean up

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The regular meeting for the July 7 Bird City Council meeting was held as a special meeting at 6:30 a.m. due to harvest. The main issue presented for discussion was a memo from Miller and Associates regarding the status of the water project. Bids were opened on June 25. Seven bids were received for the water tower renovation and zero were submitted for the two phases of the water project.

The decision of the council was to re-let the bids to Miller and Associates allowing them to contact other companies that had previously worked with them in hopes one of them would be interested in submitting bids for these two phases. If these contracts are not awarded by Aug. , there is a chance the city will lose the funding obtained for this project.

As a special note, the mayor called a special 7 a.m. meeting on July 28, with Miller and Associates, to see if they could obtain an extension on this contract. Miller

and Associates granted a 30-day extension to resubmit an application for bids through the Bird City Times Newspaper.

City maintenance
City superintendent Brad Schneider reported there was a water leak on Seventh Street to be fixed, and he and his crew will also be replacing three meter barrels.

Mayor Wade Carmichael asked Councilman Shannon Ambrosier if the street crack-sealer had been purchased. "I am waiting until closer to fall to order this," Ambrosier said. Mr. Schneider said he would like to kill the weeds in the cracks prior to sealing the cracks.

Councilman Ambrosier also reported the fire department was storing the new suburban fire truck in the city shop as a temporary solution until the fire department can find other options for storing their fire trucks and accessories.

Councilman Dennis Wright asked Mr. Schneider if he could "shoulder up" the dirt streets

some time.

Councilman Ned Smith reported Sam Hengen had submitted a letter of resignation to him. His resignation was accepted.

Josh King began working for maintenance on June 30. Tom Molinaro was approved to work 20 hours per week until the August council meeting.

Parks and recreation
Councilman Chris Howard reported the pool staff has had a great struggle working with a short staff of lifeguards, and he is trying to schedule a pool committee meeting prior to the next council meeting.

He also reported the pool had a great turnout for the July Fourth event.

City clerk report
City treasurer Dana Wright presented the 2015 budget, which was submitted to be published in the Bird City Times newspaper on July 10. A special meeting will be held for open discussion and approval on Aug. 4 at 6:45 p.m.

City clerk Ailysa Blair thanked the council for the opportunity to work with them at a position she enjoyed and said, "I love this town, and I will miss living and working in Bird City." A motion was made to remove Mrs. Blair from the signature cards at the bank prior to Aug. 1, and add Jill Paugh as the new city clerk.

Ms. Paugh will officially be sworn in as the city clerk during the Aug. 4 meeting.

Fire truck funds
Mr. Wright asked about the funds that were available to pay for the new 1998 Spartan fire truck. Treasurer Wright told the council they needed to transfer

\$25,000 from the Water/Sewer funds to the Equipment funds to take care of this. A motion was made by Wright to make this transfer of funds and seconded by Mr. Howard.

Building permit extensions
Lucius White was asking for an extension on his previously approved permit for building a fence in his yard. This extension was granted until Aug. first.

Lynn and Candy Glasco were granted an extension of their completion date for the improvements they are making to their yard and house.

Public comments
Complaint forms have been sent to residents to clean up their properties. Steve Sowers was present asking to whom all these letters were sent.

"The city is working on cleaning up properties in the town," said Mayor Carmichael. Councilman Ned Smith explained those that were issued these letters were issues from years ago, and since they had not taken care of the issues then, the city is taking the necessary steps to ensure they are taken care of now. Mr. Smith ended the discussion by saying, "the city has ordinances for a reason."

Next meeting
Next city council meeting will be held Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. with a special meeting at 6:45 p.m. to discuss and vote on the 2015 Budget.

Editor's note: This report was taken from the unapproved minutes of the July 7 Bird City City Council meeting.



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South of McDonald *By Sandy Binning*

Bethel Goldt attended the birthday party for Rod and Beth Klepper in Bird City Saturday evening.

Kathy Banister's sister and husband, Diane and Steve Heiman of Topeka, were Thursday supper and overnight guests of George and Kathy.

David and George Banister helped Debbie Banister move to a new apartment in Topeka Friday. They were overnight guests of Lonnie, Stacie, and Nicole Martin. On Saturday, George and David Banister took a plane from Kansas City to Washington DC to help Jamie Banister move back to Topeka.

Ote and Ellen Dewey, and Tom and Kelly Dewey and children attended the wedding of Seth Carpenter to Quinlynn Woofter in Colby Saturday evening.

Mark Officer and children arrived Friday night at Lynn and Rita Officer's home. They all returned home Monday except Kaylyn Officer who stayed to visit with her grandparents and aunts and uncles.

Kaylyn and Rita Officer visited Ratha Lea Loker in St. Francis Saturday.

Rita and Kaylyn Officer called on Don and Barbara Krantz Sunday afternoon. Rita and Kaylyn Officer visited Tessa Davis Friday afternoon.

Lynn and Rita Officer and Kaylyn all attended the Klepper birthday celebration Saturday evening in Bird City at the Legion Hall.

Joe and Charlene Kramer attended the Klepper birthday party Saturday evening in Bird City.

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