

Members appoint assistant clerk on temporary basis

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The St. Francis City Council met on Monday, Aug. 22. In honor of Mary Lampe, the city clerk for 13 years, they spent several minutes in silence. Mrs. Lampe had died suddenly on Aug. 16.

The council appointed Glorianne Milne, assistant clerk, as the city clerk on a temporary basis. Jen Hoffman was considered for the assistant clerk but it is important that she keep the position as city treasurer. The temporary appointments will be discussed at a future meeting.

Trailer parking

Several of the council members had received complaints about large trailers parking on city streets. If they do not have a work permit, they are only allowed a short time before they are to be moved.

The council agreed that people should have consideration of their neighbors or whomever they are parking their trailers in front of.

People who are parking the trailers will be talked to. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting.

Property cleanup

J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, talked about four different pieces of property which were on the city's clean-up list.

Ted McCoy on Jackson Street had cleaned up, put a fence up making the swimming pool inaccessible and was now in compliance. John Amack had called about his property on West Webster and explained his plan. Neither Brad Figgins on First Street or Roger Sauer on Webster Street, had called and it didn't appear that there had been any work done. Further action will be taken with Figgins and Sauer.

Mr. Landenberger said that the limbs will be cleared from the city lines on the Royce Neitzel property.

Bench donation

At the Aug. 8 meeting, the council discussed a donation that Kenny and Anita Rogers, Offerle, had offered. They wanted to donate the Kenneth and Ellen Voeller memorial money to help purchase a bench for Sawhill Park. Two benches were

donated several years ago in memory of Robert and Joyce Wiley.

The details of the benches had been found in the city office and cost less than \$1,000. The Voellers, if they still want to donate, will take care of ordering and have the bench installed under the direction of the city superintendent.

Scout Hut

At the last meeting, the council were concerned about getting the clear coat on the new siding on the Scout Hut. Carla Lampe and Paula Keller, councilwomen, were appointed to see about landscaping.

The scouts were supposed to put the clear coat on the siding but there had been no response from the scouts concerning the sealer. However, the scouts, leaders and parents had been painting the inside of the hut and someone had donated some flooring which needed installed. The council agreed that there was still time to put on the sealer and it wouldn't take much time.

Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Lampe had not met to talk about the landscaping.

Swimming pool

Bruce Swihart, Swimming Pool Committee member, said the pool would close on Aug. 26. The school will use it from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. During that time, there will also be aqasizes.

If the budget will allow, Mr. Swihart said, Mikaela Grace, pool manager, has offered to do some work at the pool so it will be done when the pool opens in the spring. Mikaela doesn't begin college until the middle of September and would be able to complete the work before she goes. The council approved.

Police report

Shane Guggenmos, police chief, had information on the 800 megahertz radios. He had three quotes for four radios. Custom Radio Communications' quote was \$5,736; First Responder, \$7,500; and Motorola, \$8,894.

It would take six to eight weeks to get the radios and they will be programmed when they come in.

The towers will be completed in June, he said. At that time, they will be able to talk with all entities.

The council asked if the chief

had enough money in his budget to purchase the radios. He said there was enough money but if there was something else needed, there could be a problem. The 911 fund which, at one time, was used to purchase radios and equipment can now only be used for training and 911 equipment. No decision was made.

Chief Guggenmos said the carpet in the police office was worn out. They discussed different types of flooring and thought tile would be the best. No decision was made.

Building permits

Building permits were approved for Travis Jensen to run concrete; Randy Isaac, tear down a building; Melvin Dunn, erect a storage building; Rob Schiltz, build more storage sheds; and Roger Applegate, put in steps.

There was also a permit for the St. Francis Equity to pour cement but the cement was poured before the permit was approved. Consequently, it is over a sewer line. The permit was approved with the agreement that if there is a problem with the line, the Equity will be responsible for tearing the cement out.

Superintendent's report

Superintendent Landenberger reported that the water inspector had been in St. Francis and everything is fine with the wells.

There is a problem with one of the pumps at the sewer lift station. We have tried to fix it, Mr. Landenberger said. But, there is still a failing pump that needs to be fixed. It will cost \$8,500 for stainless steel junction boxes and wiring. The box needs to be sealed.

The pump costs \$3,500 but the city had one on hand. It is a requirement, he said, that the city has an extra one on hand.

The lift is by the ball diamond and could shut down any time, he said. It has to be fixed immediately.

Council comments

The council talked about the fact that the delinquent tax list published in The Herald had the city owing taxes with the former owner of the Smith residence on Emerson Street. The city attorney said the city doesn't own the Smith property so doesn't owe any taxes.

Mr. Swihart said that a letter had been sent out by the Ministerial Alliance noting that contributions are down and use is up. People are being served that hadn't been served before.

We need to keep in mind as we are spending, he said, that people are struggling.

In other business

• John Finley talked about the Lions Club donating a tree for Sawhill Park.

• The auditor had accepted the offered contract for \$9,920.

• Mediation with Craig Schoenrogge has been set for 11 a.m. on Sept 8 at Kite and Day office.



MEDICAL STUDENT Dallas Walz looks over the charts with Dr. Mary Beth Miller.

Student completes rotations

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During the past several years, there has been a number of medical students completing rotations at the Cheyenne County Clinic and Hospital under the direction of Dr. Mary Beth Miller, Dr. Rebecca Allard and the staff. They have been students from across the state and country but, the past month, there has been a familiar face.

Dallas Walz spent the last month doing a rotation at the clinic and hospital. Dallas, who was born and raised in St. Francis, is a 2003 high school graduate.

"I always knew I wanted to be a doctor," he said, noting that there was no lifesaving experience or a person in his family guiding him.

When he was in high school, the emergency medical service offered high school students the training and experience of becoming an emergency medical technician. He took the training and used it further when he was going to Colby Community College. At Kansas University he earned his Undergraduate in Cell Biology. He then attended KU Medical in Kansas City for two years and has spent six months in Wichita and Salina in the Rural Track Residency program.

Dallas graduates in May and will have three years residency.

When he has finished his schooling, he would like to come back to St. Francis and Cheyenne County and practice family medicine.

"I'd like to help people I've known my whole life," he said.

Dr. Miller, he said, has been the best teacher for me.

"Even when we are busy, she takes the time to teach," he said. "Someday, I hope people will feel

the same about me."

Not only is he graduating in the spring, but he plans to marry Heather Morton. He said he has known Heather for several years. She is a clinical lab scientist in McPhearson.

Dallas is the son of Greg and Susie Walz and Terri Cappel.

Post office changes effective on Sept. 17

The St. Francis Post Office will have some changes which will become effective on Sept. 17.

Dewayne Lalicker, postmaster, reported that the hours the window will be open are from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be no change in the window opening on Saturday which is 10 to 11 a.m. However, the mail in the drop-off box outside will be pick up at 1:30 p.m.

instead of 3:20.

The postmaster said the closing over the noon hour is because the cutoff for getting mail on the truck is 1:30 p.m. and the truck will leave at 1:50 p.m. instead of 4:40 as it has done in the past.

Maybe the later lunch hour, he said, will work better for those needing help at the window between noon and 1 p.m.

For more information, talk to the postmaster.

Two girl scouts work on their silver award

Two St. Francis Girl Scouts are working on their Silver Awards, one of the highest awards Cadette Scouts can earn.

Hannah Stafford and Sydney Sundstrom, along with their Scout leader, Joyce Russ, visited with the St. Francis City Council on Monday, Aug. 22, where they explained they would like to update the city's website. This would be the community involvement necessary to earn the award.

The girls said they would ask local business people to fill out forms, then pick them up. They would take pictures of the town and put everything on the web page.

The plan to put up notices reminding people to look at the website and, if changes are needed, they will make them.

The girls have made a plan, Mrs. Russ said, which is one of the steps in earning the Silver Award. They also made a presentation to the council, another step. They will then complete the plan.

"Girl Scouts," she said, "teaches girls to be leaders in the business world."

The council approved the Girl Scouts' plan. In the future, business people will be asked to fill out the forms the girls bring them.

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