

## Council accepts budget raising taxes 6 mills

By Peggy Horinek

The city budget for 2003 was accepted at the Monday meeting by the Bird City Council after approving two changes be made. Previously \$5,000 had been set for the Equipment Fund and that was increased to \$10,000 for 2003. The Sewer and Waste Water Fund was also increased to \$10,000. The Landfill Fund was added back into

the Solid Waste Fund. With the changes made, the budget will increase the taxes by 6 mills.

Donna Wright, from Wright Insurance Agency, updated the council on the city's general liability policy which is due for renewal on Sept. 1. She feels there will probably be about a 25-percent increase in premium but can't be certain of the amount of increase until

she receives the new quote. The insurance company increased the value of the ambulance building to \$275,625 and the city shop to \$176,064 which is an increase of 4 percent. Mrs. Wright is having a local builder appraise the buildings for actual cost replacement which she will in turn report to the insurance company. St. Paul Insurance Company, who is writing the policy, is

one of the few that will carry public entities. To help cut the cost, the deductible is being raised from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Dick Upchurch addressed the council to dispel some rumors regarding a new business he is considering opening. He didn't want to release many details at this time, but he is drawing up plans for the city council. The busi-

ness, which will be on the highway, will be an improvement for the town of Bird City.

A building permit was given to Jeremiah Wickham of Mnj Enterprises for a 20-by-45-foot extension onto the backside (west side) of his building on Bird Ave. It will be built on the existing pad for more enclosed working area. The blocks from which it will be

made, are from recycled materials and will look like cement blocks. The only change required by the council was from a corrugated roof to a galvalume roof.

There was a discussion with M. Wickham regarding the trailers being parked on the streets and the partial blocking of streets. He advised the

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## Incumbent wins another 4 years

There was a race for Cheyenne County Commissioner in District 1, Bird City, in the primary held Tuesday. Three candidates were vying for the position including incumbent Jane Brubaker, Sam Beeson and Dick Bursch. When the final votes were counted, Mrs. Brubaker was declared the winner and begins another four-year term on Jan. 1.

Cheyenne County resident Connie Morris was running for a seat on the state board of education and in the county won by 185 votes. The final votes throughout the state were not known when this article was printed.

Terry Miller, election officer, reported that only 35 percent of the voters turned out to vote. There are 402 registered Democrats and 92 turned out at the polls. The Republicans in Cheyenne County number 1,466 and 559 voted at the polls. There were 101 voters casting their ballots by advanced voting. In all, there were 752 Cheyenne County voters who turned out for the election.

The final results of the commissioner election were:

Sam Beeson	64
Jane Brubaker	101
Dick Bursch	62
<b>U.S. Senate</b>	
Tom Oylar	42

Pat Roberts	532
<b>Gov./Lt. Gov.</b>	
Bloom/Bloom	15
Keer/Birch	192
Knight/Glasscock	82
Shallenberger/Lindstrom	325
Sebelius/Moore	91
<b>Commissioner of Insurance</b>	
David Powell	153
Sandy Praeger	235
Bryan Riley	137
Jim Garner	70
<b>House of Rep. Dist. 120</b>	
John Faber	484
Doug Sebelius	134
Bob Strevey	69
<b>Attorney General</b>	
David Atkins	113
Phill Kline	426
Charles McAtee	45
Chris Biggs	69
<b>Sec. of State</b>	
Ron Thornburg	471
David Haley	68
<b>State Bd. of Education</b>	
Connie Morris	398
I.B. Sonny Rundell	213
<b>U.S. Rep. 1st District</b>	
Jerry Moran	532
<b>State Treasurer</b>	
Lynn Jenkins	332
Dennis Wilson	223
Sally Finney	79

## Burning allowed only at county landfill

By Karen Krien

It has been hot and dry and the tree branches have accumulated to big piles at the landfill. At the July 31 meeting, the Cheyenne County Commissioners agreed to lift the burn ban at the county's landfill only. Because of the pile of trees, the commissioners agreed that there would need to be someone on duty at all times during the burning because if the wind would come up, it could take sparks to neighboring pastures and fields. The landfill supervisor will be able to burn as he sees fit so the pile of trees and limbs will not get so big.

**Repeaters on hold**

Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring asked for an in/out vehicle repeater for the sheriff and undersheriff vehicles. He had checked with Prairie State Communication and the cost would be around \$1,250 each. He said that this repeater in many places would replace the hand-held radio and would give better communication.

He and the commissioners discussed that in the future, the state highway patrol may want all law officers to use its 800 megahertz radio. If this is carried out, all new equipment will be needed and the repeaters will not work. The commissioners asked the sher-

### Commissioners roundup

The Cheyenne County Commissioners talked about:

- The airport taxiway resurfacing which will be done in the near future if contractor is hired. See Page 1 for more information.
- The recycling center in St. Francis, since Nov. 6, has hauled around 60 tons of items to Colby to be recycled. See Page 1 for more information

iff to wait on the purchase of the repeaters so they could think about it.

**Roads sealed**

Road and bridge supervisor Dave Flemming reported that he had arranged for the St. Francis Cemetery road and the road north of St. Francis to have a chip seal applied on Aug. 7 and wanted permission to have the company apply a fog seal on the old Wheeler road. The Wheeler road was used as a detour seven years ago and was constructed well. Supervisor Flemming thought that if the fog seal

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## Recycling underway and on the move

At the commissioners' meeting on Friday, Roger Jensen, St. Francis City Councilman, talked about the recycling effort being made in the county and about the co-op that had been organized.

The hub of the co-op is located in Colby and involves Thomas, Gove, Logan and Cheyenne counties. The co-op has applied for grants and through the grant, Cheyenne County will receive money to purchase a baler. With the baler, they will be better able to handle cardboard, plastics such as milk bottles and almost any of the items because they are being compacted together.

From Nov. 6 through June 27, the St. Francis Recycling Center hauled 59.75

tons of recycling materials to Colby. Of the 59.75 tons, 33 percent was cardboard; 33 percent was paper products; 12 percent plastics and 22 percent tin, aluminum and glass.

Mr. Jensen stressed the importance of recycling as it helps the county landfill from filling up as quickly. There are certain items which are more resalable and at this time, cardboard is one of them. People are asked to bring their cardboard up.

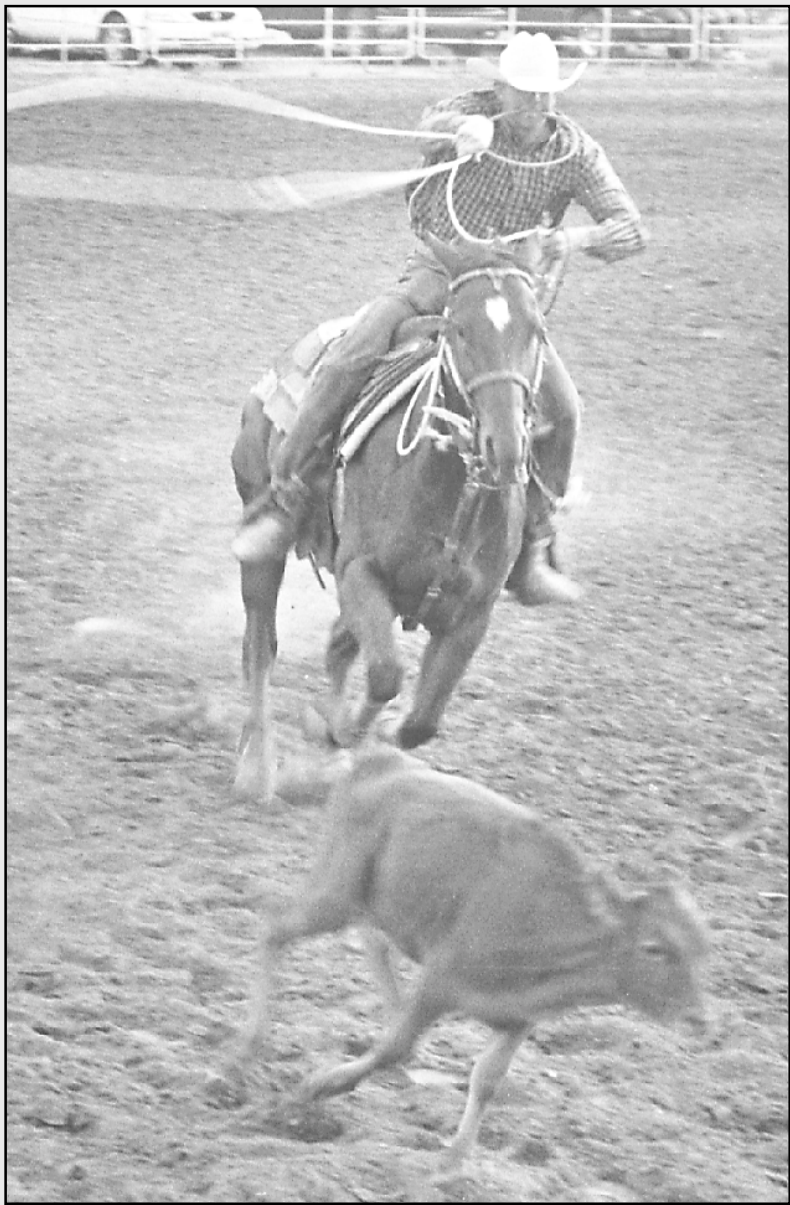
"In time, we hope the recycling center will be self-sufficient," he said.

At an earlier meeting, the county agreed to pay \$1,000 per ton that went to Colby and Mr. Jensen was just giving a report.



THE DEMOLITION DERBY brought up the end of the Cheyenne County Fair with a large attendance. Gary Taylor, #3, was one of the many contestants entering the competition.

Times staff photo by Jennifer Boyles



CALF ROPING was one of the events Jace Rambat participated in Friday night at the fair.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

## County fair ends for another year

By Karen Krien

Exhausted moms, dads and exhausted but excited children carrying toys, stuffed animals and cotton candy slowly made their way to their vehicles Saturday evening as the final ride and booth shut down another successful fair.

The Cheyenne County Fair had started with the Style Revue on Monday evening and the events had been steady and busy throughout the week.

Dick Bursch, fair board president, reported that there had been a good attendance for the fair and the support of parents, kids, volunteers and those attending the fair had been outstanding.

The carnival ran Wednesday through Saturday nights of the fair and there were shows and activities in front of the grandstand all four evenings.

Several new grandstand shows were tried including a local team roping and barrel racing event and a Ranch Rodeo for kids. The pro rodeo held on Friday had some good participants and the stock was ready for each competitor. Cliff Pilkington, chairman, was very pleased with the outcome of the rodeo and the number of people who had come to watch.

On Saturday was the demolition derby and, as usual, the grandstand was full to running over and the pit area was also packed with people and participants. (See related article for more in-

formation.)

The barbecue on Saturday evening served around 1,250 people. The beef was furnished by Naturally Tender Beef by Mike Callicrate for a reduced price and Don Wright cooked around 1,500 ears of corn with the aid of the antique threshing machine. Farm Service Credit of Northwest Kansas donated watermelon.

In years past, there have been as many as 1,500 people enjoying the free-will barbecue but for the last three years, the temperatures have been close to 100 and too hot for some to attend.

The Attendance Awards were won by four people, all either living in Cheyenne County or having affiliations with people in the county.

Willard Busby was the big winner of \$1,000. Winning \$500 was Scott Richards, Erin Neitzel won \$300 and John Faber took home \$200.

There are a number of other fair events and winners listed in different articles throughout this issue and others will be picked up in later issues. In several weeks, the Cheyenne County Fair results in a special section will be inserted in both *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

## Demo derby deemed a success and entertaining

When the dust settled, it was evident that the Cheyenne County Fair had once again had a successful and entertaining demolition derby. The grandstand was filled to capacity, the pit area was full of audience and participants and there were a few people who chose to stand.

Brad Faylor, Atwood, drove away with the top prize winning the main event and taking home \$1,000 plus the money earned by taking second in his heat. Taking second in the main was Tony Vandike, third was Andy Beikman, fourth Brett Poling

and fifth was Troy Meyer. Vance White took the "flag" money.

Darren Workman's name was added to the "Bonzai" Bobby Krien plaque. Workman was determined by the Krien family to be the "crowd pleaser" for the evening's performance.

This year there were four heats and winners of the heats included:

First heat: Andy Beikman, first; Brad Faylor, second; and Denis Vandike, flag winner.

Second heat: Darin Brown, first; Tony Vandike, second and flag winner.

Third heat: Tyler Howard, first; Brett Poling, second; James Prentice, flag winner.

Fourth heat: Travis Luts, first; Troy Meyer, second; Darren Workman, flag winner.

There were two slop heats and those winners were:

First heat: Vance White, first and flag; Tina Zwegardt, second.

Second heat: Darren Workman, first and flag; Charlie Labrake, second.

In the Compact Car division, Lonnie Robbins was the winner and Bob Emal took second.

Ms. Zwegardt was injured during the competition and was unable to finish the derby. However, Uriah Williams was the alternate.

"We had many compliments about the derby and that it was well run," said Rita Koros, fair board secretary and derby committee member. "The attendance was great! At one time, people were lined up clear back to the Amusement Authority ticket booth — almost 200 people waiting to get in and they were able to find seats for everyone."

## Airport resurfacing payment put on hold till Friday

Darin Neufeld representing EBH and Associates, Goodland, the engineers who oversaw the airport runway resurfacing, was present at the July 31 Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting to ask for part or all of the funds which had not been paid. Com-

missioner Krien said that he was afraid that if the payment was made before all of the work was finished, it may never be finished.

Mr. Neufeld assured the commissioners that his company was known for finishing jobs they started — that

they would complete the job but were waiting for a road construction contractor to start a job in the area. He said that he was going to contact the company that was going to work on the county roads and thought there would be sufficient oil to finish the taxiways

at the airport, the only area which EBH is responsible for now.

If the contractors could do the taxiways, the job would be completed in the coming week. The matter will once again be discussed at the Friday special commissioners' meeting.



## Resident of the Month

Viola (Holzwarth) Jones is the Good Samaritan Village Resident of the Month for July. She has resided at the Village since the fall of 2001.

The daughter of a farmer and homemaker, George and Julia Holzwarth, Viola had 10 brothers and sisters including Amelia Banister, Lily (deceased), Leonard (deceased) Helen Sykes, Bertha DeGood (deceased) Lucile Zimbelman, Alvin Holzwarth, Teddy Holzwarth and Hadon (deceased). Viola was born Jan. 5, 1915. As she was growing up, she worked in the fields, milked cows and cleaned houses for other.

"Being from a large family, it took all of us to work together to make ends meet," she said. "There wasn't much time for fun, but we did play hide-n-seek. We had to work for others mostly."

The Holzwarth's lived on the family farm, west of St. Francis where Viola attended the Smith school until the seventh grade. Neighbors included her uncle Nick Schorzman, the Lampes and the Orths.

"When we had time we all played

together."

Two of Viola's teachers were Mrs. Carson who she said was good but very strict and Ruth Kellum who was also a good teacher. Viola said she didn't really like school but her favorite subject was arithmetic.

She felt that her life changed when she was younger and had to go out and work on her own to help the family.

During the Depression, she remembers not getting to do many things and she had a limited amount of candy.

"My parents were very strict, and we spent a lot of family time," she said. When asked about family vacations she replied that if they did travel not everyone got to go because they were a large family.

In 1938, Viola married Elmer Schauer at the family home. She met Elmer at school and they had two children Galen Schauer, who lives in Louisiana and Verlin, who lives in Colorado. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Elmer died in 1945.

Jobs Viola had included cleaning houses and working for Dr. Peck. She



Viola Jones

learned to drive a car so she could go to work.

Later she married Fred Jones and help raise Fred's children.

Her hobbies include embroidery and cleaning houses.

When asked how she feels about America now, she said "I'm glad its better than when I was young."

## Obituary

### Dorothy Nell Johnson

March 23, 1915 - July 30, 2002

Dorothy Nell Johnson, 87, of Sutherland, Neb., formerly of North Platte, Neb., died Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Sutherland Care Center in Sutherland.

She was born March 23, 1915, at Bird City, Kan., to George William and Grace Goldie Amsberry Seitz. She grew up between Bird City and Benkelman, Neb., and attended country schools. Dorothy did housekeeping for different families.

Dorothy married Asa Leonard

Johnson on Oct. 18, 1935, at Wray, Colo. They made their home on a farm between Bird City and Benkelman. In the mid 70s, they moved to Benkelman. In 1988, she moved to North Platte and in 1996, to the Sutherland Care Center.

Dorothy was a member of the World Wide Church of God.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda May Bruner of Thornton, Colo.; two sisters, Alice Brannon of Colby and Bess Hendrix of Benkelman; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and two great-

great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leonard; two daughters Yvonne Gay Garner and Lois Cress; a son Leonard Gene Johnson Jr.; four sisters Rosie Pettit, Violet Blankenship, Jess Stroup and Ann Ketter and a brother Bob Seitz.

Memorials are suggested to the World Wide Church of God.

Memorial service was Aug. 2 at Odean Colonial Chapel with Pastor Norris Grous of the World Wide Church of God officiating.

## Special provisions made for crop loan deficiency payment commodities

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provides special provisions for 2001-crop year Loan Deficiency Payments. The special provisions extend 2001-crop year Loan Deficiency Payments eligibility to producers who produced eligible contract commodities on non-Production Flexibility Contract farms. The special provision also applies to producers who lost beneficial interest in an eligible contract commodity, produced on a

non-Production Flexibility Contract farm; or lost beneficial interest in an eligible commodity before applying for a Loan Deficiency Payment.

Because the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 provided authority to accept Loan Deficiency Payment requests on commodities produced on non-Production Flexibility Contract farms to ensure program equity among all producers of eligible contract commodities and oilseeds.

The final availability date for the 2001-crop has been extended to another date.

Producers who produced and harvested an eligible contract commodity on a Production Flexibility Contract or non-Production Flexibility Contract farm that lost beneficial interest in the commodity, are eligible for a 2001 crop year Loan Deficiency Payment. These producers must submit a Loan Deficiency Payment request on or before 30 calendar days after the publication of the regulations in the Federal Register. The request must be filed in the Farm Service Agency County Office where the records are kept for the farm which the crop was produced.

The Loan Deficiency Payment rate will be determined as follows for eligible producers:

- If the producer has lost beneficial interest, the Loan Deficiency Payment rate used will be the rate in effect on the date beneficial interest was lost.
- If the producer fed the commodity, the Loan Deficiency Payment rate used will be the rate in effect on the date or dates the commodity was fed.
- If the producer used Loan Deficiency Payment quantities for seed, the Loan Deficiency Payment rate used will be the rate in effect on the date the community was used for seed.
- If the producer who produced and harvested commodities on a non-Production Flexibility Contract or Production Flexibility Contract farm still retains beneficial interest, the Loan Deficiency Payment rate will be based on the date of request.

Otter, Norton, secretary.

Arlie Archer, representative from Cheylin USD 103, was re-elected to serve as a member of the Student Welfare Committee of the Area Board of Control for the 02-03 college year.

Chairman Mark Smith reported that this past year was another successful year as the Northwest Kansas Technical College completed its first full year as a college. Chairman Smith welcomed three new participating districts to the board, Lakin, Norton and WaKeeney, this year. He complemented the area board members for their progressive approach to the college's growth in investigating new programs. The major deterrent to implementing new programs continues to be the shortfall of state funding. Future state funding is critical in the years ahead so that the college's philosophy can be maintained.

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was applied now, before it deteriorated, it would last for another five to seven years. Both commissioners Ron Krien and Jane Brubaker approved that the fog seal, which will cost \$5,000, be applied. (Commissioner Tim Raile was not present.)

### In other business

In other business:

- The commissioners had received a letter that the WaKeeney Detention Center was closing. It was noted that the county had paid a \$1,000 membership fee.

- Some of the vouchers for meals which employees were turning in were over the \$10 limit. Letters will be sent to all employees informing them that anything over \$10 would not be paid. The matter will be listed under "old business" at the next commissioners' meeting.

- Commissioner Brubaker said that it was rumored that one of the emergency medical technicians who had just completed the course said that she had no intention of making runs — that she had taken the course for college

credit. The commissioners agreed that if this was true, this technician would need to reimburse the county for the costs of the class.

- Ranae Pilkington reported that \$50 had been taken from the landfill. One person had weighed his load and paid for it while the landfill supervisor was working out on the site and it was wondered if this was the person who took the money. Sheriff Dankenbring said that he wasn't aware of that information but would look into it. Otherwise, the case was under investigation.

- The commissioners agreed to have the sheriff dispatcher not go to an upcoming meeting but go to the next one instead. There will be a landfill training course held Sept. 18 and 19 and the commissioners thought it was necessary that someone plan to attend.

- Purchasing batteries for the ambulance radio with 911 funds was approved but the commissioners wanted to know what the cost was going to be.

- At an earlier meeting, the St. Francis Recreation Commission had asked for \$2,000 from the Parks and

Recreation Fund. The money would be used as matching money for a grant. The Commission still had not received the grant so the commissioners were reluctant to let the money go until the grant had been received. Jolene Spike, director, will be asked to come in and talk to the commissioners at the next meeting.

## Bird City News

Guests of Marge Hickert for the past two weeks were Al Kirmer, Kathleen Hickert and Jennifer Kirmer of Auburn. They were here to work and enjoy the Thresher Show.

Meeting for brunch and a family gathering on Sunday morning at the Blue Bird Cafe were Marge Hickert, Ed and Rikki Hickert, Chesterfield, Mo., their son and family Eric, Susan, Abby and Jackson Hickert of Wichita, Dave, Marcia, Anne and J.D. Hickert of Bird City, Al Kirmer, Kathleen Hickert, and Jennifer Kirmer of Auburn, and Randy and Sally Hudson of Benkelman, Neb.

Nora Wilson and Gail Tileston, Sebastopol, Calif., were here to visit Mabel Carstens Sunday, July 14. The girls share a birthday and had celebrated July 13, by driving all day. Gail left the next morning to visit friends in Iowa for a week. Nora and Mabel drove to Andover Sunday to visit Rusty, Marla, Kaitly and Maddie Starns for a couple of days and returned home on Wednesday. Gail and Nora left for Sebastopol on Thursday, July 25.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorsch and family of Mesa, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorsch and Cameron of Louisburg and Sarah Walker of Denver. Saturday evening additional supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Psannis and Leo Psannis of Louisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dorsch and family left for their home in Mesa, Ariz., after spending a week at the home of Bob's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch.

Drs. Ken and Sharon Keng of Redmond, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hoke of Ft. Collins were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dorsch. They were here to celebrate Walde Hempler's 95th birthday.

Friday overnight guests of Maude Elliott were Brad and Dana Riviere, Tyler and Brandon of Highland Ranch, Colo. All attended the parade in St. Francis on Saturday. That evening, the Rivières were overnight guests of Tom and Marvel Gleason. They returned to their home on Sunday.

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council that one of the trailers would be leaving and not coming back. Councilman Ned Smith said that his father, Dean Smith, offered Mr. Wickham the use of a large lot for alternative parking, which he hoped would help the business and the people of Bird City. Mr. Wickham said to thank Mr. Smith and that he would take it into consideration as there were problems in running a business on a main street. Mr. Wickham also stated, "I am trying to be responsible, prudent and reasonable."

Aug. 16, is the date set for the sealing of streets. Darrell Miller stated that the biggest patches have been done and they will start the sealing on Bird Avenue and then Bressler. The streets that weren't done previously will be done first. They have received 250 ton of the 300 ton of chip seal rock they had ordered and another truckload was due possibly today.

Mr. Miller also reported that approximately 100 of the new electronic touch read meters have been installed with another 114 meters on order. Once these meters are in, and they are packed for the winter, they will never have to be unpacked as the lids will no longer have to be raised to read the meters. The city saved \$30 per meter

by ordering the meters with the sensors already installed.

A bid of \$15,554 by Stupka Construction Company for concrete work at four locations was accepted by the council. The council will need to get more specific information, such as start and ending dates, etc.

After checking with the St. Francis kennel, it was learned that Bird City can not use its kennel to keep dogs picked up in Bird City because their license states they cannot take out-of-town dogs. Stan Harp, chief of police, will check with the vet clinic to see if they would be willing to take dogs picked up in Bird City.

The Booster Club had asked for approval to allow them to shoot the cannon after football scores. After discussion it was approved but were to be told to use good judgment.

A thank you note was received and read by the council from Ozzie Osborne's family for the plant.

The donation received from the Wilkens family for the use of the shelter house during their family reunion will go into the Park Fund.

The next regular meeting of the council will fall on Labor Day, so it was voted to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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