

Adronics asks for options

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having no air conditioning. He suggested if they bought it outright, they could use the county tax abatement plan to do the air conditioning.

Dechant suggested he would rather Adronics pay a monthly rental or do something like the lease purchase. He suggested a three- to five-year lease.

Garcia said the terms are up to the commission.

"I like the idea of continuing our relationship. I like the idea of the lease," he said.

City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks agreed the lease-purchase option would be the most attractive option.

"I agree that would be a good thing for them," Garcia said.

Dechant suggested a three-year lease at \$1,500 a month and a five-year lease at \$1,200 a month.

"I mentioned a four-year deal when I talked to Karen," Billinger said. "I like the idea of giving them a break if they go longer."

"I thought about \$1,200 a month if they do a lease, and \$1,000 a month for a lease purchase with \$250,000 as the purchase price. That is just a number I put out."

Hill suggested the commission send out a proposal for the lease purchase and outright purchase. "If they purchase the building, it is a commitment that they are going to be here longer."

"We want it to be more than an empty building," Billinger said.

"I think it is a win situation," Garcia said. "I think they want to stay here. I know they want to keep expanding up to 120 employees."

Fairbanks said that the \$350,000 price is too high. Billinger suggested a lease purchase of \$2,500 a month for four years, and the other commissioners agreed that sounded like a good option.

City Commissioner Dave

Daniels said he felt the price should start at \$300,000 and the \$250,000 be the rock bottom price.

"When I talked to Karen, she wanted the rock bottom price," Billinger said.

Dechant suggested \$275,000 as the price for the four-year lease purchase option to be "a happy medium."

"It feels fair to me," Fairbanks said. "Hopefully it won't be enough to scare them off."

"There is going to be more talking, I am sure," Garcia said.

Dechant asked if the lease purchase could include a clause that if they purchase the building and then sell it in a short time, the city would have a right to buy it back. Mason said he thought that could be included.

Dechant said he would like to see the money from the lease or sale be set aside to do another building to get another business to come to town.

"If you get the money, I think it

would have to be paid back to the electric fund," said City Clerk Mary Volk.

"I think that is a good idea if we can work that out," Billinger said of the plan to find another building if a business needs similar help.

Volk said the money was borrowed from the electric department.

"If that is so maybe we could borrow it," Billinger said.

Hill said he would have Mason draft a letter to Adronics with the options.

"I think we want to keep them here at any cost," Billinger said. "I think they are a boost to our economic development."

Dechant suggested that if Adronics needs more employees, the economic development office could help with job fairs in the surrounding communities. Billinger said the city should offer to do that.

"I mentioned that to them," Garcia said.

Dialogue opened to find street solution

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is not going to do any good for us."

Dechant asked what Sweat would suggest.

"We have talked and would like to split the cost," Sweat replied.

"Did we want them to bring the road up to a normal level and then give it to the city?" City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked.

Rich Simon, public works director, said he felt that would not be the best answer because then the city would have to replace the asphalt with concrete. He said it would be better to do it right the first time.

"I thank you for coming," Dechant said. "I want to get this problem solved. I would like to see

an updated bid that would give us an amount to work with."

Sweat asked if there were any rebates or tax abatements available to the company if it does the work. Hill said he was not sure the county rebate program would be available, but it was something to check on.

Mayor Rick Billinger suggested that Sweat talk to the firm's accountant about the tax advantage of paying for the road and then donating the land to the city.

"I think fixing the road and then donating the land to the city is probably the best advantage for you," Billinger said. "Check with your accountant."

Simon said he was worried about what the bids were covering and if

4-H judging team wins



4-H members Kaleb Keith (left), Jonathan McClung (right) and Sydney Winston (center) were the top team of two from Sherman County that participated in the Rooks County Free Fair Livestock Judging Contest on August 17th. The two Sherman County Senior teams placed first and second over all. The second place team members included Jason Cowan, Josh Dorn, and Adam Duell. The only Junior competing from Sherman County was Lacie Cowan. Individual placing included Jonathan McClung third, Josh Dorn fourth, Kaleb Keith seventh and Sydney Winston 10th.

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they are going to be up to the city standards.

Barnett said he had been getting estimates on concrete work recently and did not feel the bid prices were out of line.

Hill said one thing that would have to be addressed is how to get the water off the intersection and into the existing ditch.

"The president of Service Oil promised they would put the road up to the city specifications," Barnett said.

"That was 20 years ago," Billinger said, "and we want to get it fixed today."

"We are looking for some help," Sweat said.

"I am only one of five," Billinger

said, "but I would like to help get this fixed."

Garcia asked Sweat to come back in two weeks at the next meeting with an updated bid.

"We can see what we can find to help," Garcia said. "I appreciate your coming to open the dialogue. I feel like Rick that anything we can do to help it along would be good."

"Thank you for those comments," Sweat said, "and I hope we can work it out."

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