

# Concrete to be extended

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The Goodland City Commission approved a plan Monday to add 40-foot sections of concrete paving on each side of the intersection at Eighth and Caldwell Ave., replacing asphalt damaged by vehicles stopping at the stop signs.

Crews repaved the intersection with concrete just a little more than 13 months ago as part of the joint city-county road improvements, paid for by a \$12 million bond issue. Asphalt paving north of the intersection was milled down and overlaid, and part of that new paving will be torn out.

Darin Neufeld, the engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who planned the city's projects, suggested the concrete extensions in December, noting the city had money left over from the bond work. He came to the meeting on Monday to get approval for the project.

Neufeld said when he had talked to the commission about the concrete extensions, he planned to have Sporer Land Development do the work after the firm finished up on 17th Street. He said, however, that Sporer representatives told him they could not honor the \$73,959 price in their original bid last year.

When asked for another proposal, Neufeld said, Sporer came back with \$95,368.

"We did not think the commission

would approve that price," Neufeld said. "We have gotten another proposal from Miller Construction for the same work at \$85,722. We are asking the commission to allow Miller to do the project for the city."

Mayor Rick Billinger asked Neufeld what all would be done.

Neufeld said each side would have an extension of 40 feet of concrete paving, but the project would not replace curb and gutter except as needed. He said they would phase the project to keep at least two sides of the intersection open at all times.

Neufeld said the city part of the road projects, being paid for by a special 1-cent sales tax, came in about \$79,000 under budget. The city earmarked about \$100,000 for this project, he said, and if Miller does the work, that would be about \$14,000 under budget and make the total of all city road projects under budget by about \$93,000.

Commissioner Dave Daniels ask why the project was not being put out for bid, and why just Miller had been asked for a proposal.

"We felt it was because of the time factor," Neufeld replied, "and that the city is under contract with Miller for at least two projects at this time."

Sporer's price was only good as long as they were on the job here, he added.

"If you went out to bid, the price would probably be higher," said

Commissioner John Garcia.

Neufeld said Miller is doing both the airport entrance project and the extension of Enterprise Road for the city.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked when the job would be done.

"The No. 1 priority is Enterprise Road," Neufeld said. "This would be second, along with the airport entrance."

Neufeld said it is possible that Miller will bid on the street, valley gutter and curb-and-gutter projects the city is getting ready to put out for bid this spring.

"We are doing this to give the intersection better longevity?" Dechant asked.

"It would give us more insurance against the push of the asphalt that was moving along the edges of the concrete," Neufeld said, adding that the problem only occurs close to the stop signs, where braking force affects the pavement.

"And why did we not do this in the first round?" Daniels asked.

Neufeld said the extensions were in the original plan, but were delayed to see how much money would be available. The concrete will stand up better to braking force from vehicles stopping at the intersection, especially trucks. The braking force tends to deform asphalt paving, which is more elastic, making waves in the surface.

He said the project would take about a month.



Instructor Wayne Luckert showed Tiny Tiger Bryson West, 6, son of Stephen and Amy West of Goodland, how to hold his hands for a front kick, and West did the kick during taekwondo class at the Goodland Activities Center Monday.

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# Questions asked about boards

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City commissioners appointed and reappointed people to several city boards and commissions Monday, but not before asking how people are selected to fill the boards and what the boards are doing.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said he did not really have a problem with the people who were being appointed to the boards and commissions, but said he would like to have known in advance what boards might have an opening.

He said he has been approached by people who said they would be interested in serving on some of the city boards.

City Manager Wayne Hill said he had appointments for the city planning commission, electrical board, plumbing board and the Goodland Housing Authority.

Daniels said he felt there was too much conflict of interest on the boards. He said he wondered if each board should be limited to having one person from the business involved, including the electrical and plumbing boards.

Hill said the boards and commissions do not pass ordinances; only the commission has that power.

"If you have a question about a recommendation, you can say it is a conflict of interest," Hill added.

"As long as we have the recommendations come through us we do have the final say," Daniels agreed. "Sometimes, things do not come to the commission for approval."

"I think we ought to get copies of their minutes any time they have a

meeting. We are appointing these people and we ought to know what is going on."

Hill said he did not know of any action from any board that has not been brought to the commission in the more than two years he has been city manager.

Daniels said he thought the issue he was thinking about was before Hill became manager.

"I think I have heard some of that same complaint from the construction guys," said Mayor Rick Billinger. "Maybe we ought to look at some of what we have passed."

Daniels said most of the ordinances the city passes are based on national codes and he does not have a problem with that.

"I just think we ought to know what is going on," he said. "We did not know these were coming up. I had people who have asked if they could be on a city board."

"Other than that, I don't have a problem with these."

Hill said he could let the commission know about openings and that he would be interested in getting names of anyone who wants to serve on any of the city boards.

On the Planning Commission, Hill said, Tom Stewart of Scouler Grain had agreed to be reappointed and he would suggest appointment of Dr. Patrick Gleason to fill a vacancy. Hill said Gleason, a chiropractor, works with Dr. Sid Unruh. Other members of the commission are Steve Riebel of First National Bank, Bill Stoick of Super 8 Motel and Dr. Terry Imel of the Dental Arts Clinic.

On the electrical board, Hill said, Martin Johnson of Marty's Electric had agreed to be reappointed and Gene Becker of B & B Electric would replace Trent Blythe, who moved away. Hill said Elmer Jacobs and Gary Kickler, who works at the technical college, and Shad Sheldon of Shad's Electric are the other members.

On the plumbing board, Hill recommended the reappointment of J.B. McClure of McClure Plumbing and Heating, and Randy Zimmerman of Zimmerman Plumbing. Other members are Rich Simon, city public works director, Keith Bowman of Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning and Harold Gillihan of Aquila, the city's natural gas supplier.

The commission approved the recommended reappointments.

Hill said he had a recommendation from Marcia Way, executive director of the Goodland Housing Authority, to reappoint Gillihan to that board, which oversees the Handy and Sparks Towers apartment complex.

Other members are Cara Daise of Bankwest, Clyde Lamberts, Esther Beard and Darrell Mann of Mann's Jewelry.

The commission approved the reappointment as recommended.

# Students learn Taekwondo kicks

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A lot of kicking, punching and grunting has been going on at the Goodland Activities Center, but so far, no one has been hurt.

In Wayne Luckert's taekwondo classes, some students may aspire to get some exercise and get into shape, some to defend themselves, others to have fun, all to learn the principles of the sport, but none to beat up their classmates.

Luckert, a certified instructor with schools in Brewster and Goodland, teaches the students to have respect for each other and for him, and if they're too close while punching and kicking, he asks them to move apart.

His classes include Tiny Tigers, ages 4 to 6; Karate for Kids, 6 to 12; and adult, 13 and up. Besides learning simple punching and kicking, the Tiny Tigers learn to call each other Mr. with their last names and the oath of the American Taekwondo Association: "Sir, I shall practice in the spirit of Taekwondo, with courtesy for fellow students, loyalty for my instructor and respect for my juniors and seniors, Sir."

More advanced students are taught to continue the spirit of Taekwondo outside the do-jahng (place where they learn): "Sir, I shall live with perseverance in the spirit of Taekwondo, having honor for others, integrity for myself and self control in my actions, Sir."

Students in Tiny Tigers are Manteen Crow, Jackson Daise, Trent Coon and Bryson West. In Karate for Kids are Amanda Coon, Jalynn Colglazier, Cheylin Corman and Abigail Neal.

Adults are Charla Miller, Tammy Neal and Larissa and Lowell Coon, parents of Trent and Amanda.

Larissa Coon and Amanda are scheduled for belt promotions tonight. In the upcoming testing, tentatively set for Monday, Jan. 28, Colglazier and Corman will be testing for first-degree black and Miller and Tammy Neal for second-degree black.

Belts start at white for beginners and

go up to orange then yellow, camouflage, green, purple, blue, brown, red, first-degree recommended (double-striped belt), first-degree decided, second degree, third degree, fourth degree up to Grand Master, said the American Taekwondo Association's web site.

Lowell Coon is a third-degree black belt and former instructor who helps Luckert, his former student but now a fourth-degree black belt.

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