

Commissioners review S&T franchise renewal

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City commissioners spent time Monday reviewing the franchise agreement for S&T Communications coming up for renewal later this month.

City Manager Doug Gerber said he wanted to go through the agreement section by section to let the commissioners know what changes are being proposed.

He said Goodland Office Manager Don Newell was present and that City Attorney Jerry Fairbanks had reviewed the agreement and said he had no reservations about the city approving the franchise agreement.

Gerber said the franchise was for five years, but does include language to allow

the agreement to be renewed automatically on a one year basis after the first five years. The agreement allows either party to notify the other about major changes 90 days before the renewal date. The agreement says the automatic renewal cannot exceed 20 years.

In other sections Gerber mentioned that the agreement requires S&T to maintain an office in the city. He said that has become a big deal with more and more large companies reducing their offices.

The agreement allows S&T to extend their service if the city adds land by annexation.

S&T pays a franchise fee of 75 cents per customer per month to compensate for

use of the public right of way. Gerber said another option would be a flat rate. He said AT&T pays on a flat rate of 5 percent per month.

Newell said S&T has different franchise fees in some communities. He said it is a pass on to the customer.

"We are going to do what your wish is," he said. "It is a pass on and is added onto the customer's bill."

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked if the rate has been the same since S&T started.

Gerber said the rate has been the same, and Newell said it has been 75 cents since the company has been here.

Fairbanks asked if there was an advan-

tage either with the monthly rate or the flat percentage?

"We want to maximize the income," Gerber said. "We would want to keep them even and not get our costs too high."

"We want it to be a fair fee," Newell said, "and we want to be able to be competitive. We know Eagle has to pay the franchise fee, but the digital television people do not have to pay."

Mayor John Garcia said the city wants to keep it on a fair playing field and keep the percentages even.

Gerber said 5 percent is the cap under state law. He said satellite dish television companies do not pay because they are not using the public right of way.

He said most of the other sections are standard contract language.

Under the agreement the city is allowed to use the transmission feed for emergency communications.

Commissioner Bill Finley asked if all S&T's cable are underground.

Newell said yes, all the cable are underground, and they do not have any overhead cables.

Gerber said the agreement will be on the agenda for the Nov. 21 meeting for adoption.

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Northwest Tech SkillsUSA organization helping with several community projects

The Northwest Tech SkillsUSA organization has started the year in full swing by electing officers, starting fundraisers and collecting ideas for community projects and school participation projects.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. This organization has come into its own in the last couple of years.

With the help of Ron Kaus, Diesel Instructor and Jake Conger, Welding Instructor leading the students into the newest ways of introducing potential employees with potential employers by competing in their fields of what they are perusing in school.

The membership has increased in overwhelming numbers and the students have to compete in their local shops or classrooms to qualify to attend the state confer-

ence in Wichita at the end of April. If placing first, the students will then travel to Kansas City, Mo. at the end of June to compete against the best in each state across the country.

The year has started off with Ann Wick, the Skills USA state director, coming to the campus of Northwest Tech and explaining to many of the students and faculty what SkillsUSA is all about and what the students could look forward if they competed in all levels of competition.

At this meeting, Wick suggested local officers be voted on. At the end of the voting the following students were elected as the local officers: President, Alex Hengen; Vice President, Tanner Dennett; Secretary, Pearl Emmons, Diesel Technology; Treasurer, Patrick Lorens, Communications Technology; Reporter, Tammy Free-

man, Medical Assistant; Historian, Sarah Barela, Medical Assistant; and Parliamentarian, Page Seeger, Goodland High School senior serving as a College Option student in the Mobile Application and Entertainment Development program

In October the officers attended a district conference in Hesston for the Northwest Kansas area. Goodland's Northwest Tech is the only school in the district so officers were elected as they are in the local organization.

At this conference Tammy Freeman ran for an opportunity to become a state officer. She gave a speech to the districts who were present and had an opportunity to chat with each of those districts in a roundtable discussion.

Freeman said, "this allowed each district to ask each candidate three different questions and al-

lowed the candidates to be more relaxed."

Freeman was elected by the district-voting delegates to become a member of the state officer team. In November Freeman attended the state officers meeting held in Hutchinson to receive training on what is expected from each officer and at that time it was decided who would hold which office on the state team.

Coming up, the student body and officers will be collecting coats, hats, scarves and gloves for the Genesis program.

The students will be helping by ringing the Salvation Army bell at the Wal-Mart store in Goodland. The members are looking forward to helping the community with projects and getting the student body involved in becoming one with the community.

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EQUIPMENT: Brent 884 - 800bu Avalanche grain cart, 30.5x32 diamond tread, scales, shedded.; Agri-Product 13shank 30" ripper W/coulters; JD 535 round baler; New Skid Steer attachments (72" grapple fork, 48" forklift, Quick Hitch, Bale spear, 72" Rock bucket); 10' Big Ox 3pt blade; 5" Leinbach rock rake, used once; Ford 3pt 12' spring-tooth; Hesston 1340 hydro swing swather W/crimper; Hesston 1014 hydro swing swather W/crimper; NH 114 hydro swing swather; NH 116 hydro swing swather; JD 200 stackhand; NH 216 windrower; NH 145 manure spreader, like new; Hesston 3060 Stackfork; 1995 Speed King under car auger, stainless steel, 7 1/2 hp 230V motor; Speed King 57' belt auger, 15hp 230V motor; FK Mdl 870 air seeder, used very little; FK 5x6 sweep W/Quinstar pickers; IH 496-25' tandem disc; Agri-Power Equipment 13 shank ripper W/coulters; Krause 7 shank ripper; Nobel 20' sweep W/Richardson pickers; Reynolds 65" land plane; 2 FK 3x5 sweeps; 2-Miller 18' offset discs; JD 3x16 RO plow; 180bu seed tender; JD 8300 disc drill; 2-IH 16x10 hoe drills, end transport, hyd markers

2-IH 14x10 hoe drills, end transport, hyd markers; JD 8 row cultivator; JD 709 3pt mower; JD 727-14' mower; Big 12-500bu grain cart; Killbros 475 bu grain cart; IH 16-10 disc drills; FK 30-' rod weeder; Westfield 48' 8" auger W/elect motor; Westfield Hyd drill fill auger; JD 3pt hay rake; 1992 Rhino 15' bat wing mower; 9' Disc mower; Vermeer Bunk Buster round bale hay feeder; 6' Bush Hog mower; 3pt bale mover; 2 prong bale mover

VEHICLES: 1980 Dodge Eldorado 30' motor home, rebuilt trans, only 78,500 miles; 1999 Volvo, N-14 Cummins, 10sp; 1984 Kenworth 370 Cummins, 13sp; 1988 IH 8300, 350 Cummins, 10sp, daycab; 1991

IH Dump truck, 400 Cummins, 13sp; 1991 Ford F800 service truck W/hoist; 1995 Freightliner, 60 series Detroit, needs clutch; 1982 Ford 1 ton 10' flatbed, live hyds, hyd. boom, 4sp dually, 47,000 miles; 2-1991 Ford F700 trucks, diesel flatbed

1992 Ford F700 truck, diesel, flatbed; 1992 Ford F350 bucket truck; 1978 Chevy tire truck, air compressor, 50,000 on motor; 1985 Ford F350 tire truck; 1964 IH Loadstar 1600 tandem axle, 9:00 rubber, 4&2 trans, 18' box & hoist W/RO tarp; 1968 GMC 16' box, twin cyl hoist, 9:00 rubber, 4&2 trans, V-6 motor, runs good; 1960 GMC 13 1/2' box, hoist, 4&2 trans. 8:25 rubber, V-6 motor; 1998 Dodge 1/2 ton pickup; 1979 Ford F600 4x4 with BJM feed box, digital scales, 14,000 miles, motor stuck; 1994 IH cabover W/3000 gal water tank; 1991 Freightliner, Cummins, 9sp; 2002 Ford E350 van truck, gas, only 35,000 on new 5.9 motor, runs great; 1996 Ford F350, 5sp, 351 motor, no box; 1981 IH S1900 - DT466 W/less than 5000 on motor, air brakes, 16' box, hoist, RO tarp; 1994 Chevy extended cab diesel, 4sp W/overdrive, new starter & injection pump; 1997 Chevy Astro van, all wheel drive, auto, rear heat & air, back seats never used.; 1994 Dodge diesel. 3/4 ton flatbed; 1969 Chevy truck; 2000 Ford F250, V-8, 5sp; 1996 pickup W/flatbed; 1998 Dodge 44 pickup; 1997 Ford pickup; 1994 Ford pickup; 1985 Dodge Power Ram 4x4 pu; 1989 Ford F250 pickup; 2004 Chevy Silverado, club cab, 4x4, auto; 1967 Ford Mustang; 1995 AV Dune Buggy, street legal.

TRAILERS: 1973 Heil 2 compartment liquid tanker; 1994 96" x 46' drop deck trailer; MoveAll 46' machinery trailer; Belly dump gravel trailer; 1977 Loadcraft 42' x 102" drop deck trailer; 1982 Fountain 40' x 102" drop deck trailer; 1977 JDH 40' roller trailer W/winch; 21' GN FB trailer, extension, winch, tandem duals; 28' GN FB trailer, tandem duals; Farris 32' enclosed BP trailer W/finished interior; 2010 PJ 77' x 10' utility trailer; 2005 PJ 83' x 14' tandem utility trailer; Several NEW 16' & 18' flatbed trailers.

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