

## **Enforcement will pick up on truck parking**

Written by Chris Lee

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Truck parking again was among topics discussed by City Council members at their May 4 meeting.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer said he has proposed to City Attorney Al Wall and the judge to try to get together to set up a system of charges and fines for trucks that receive tickets or warnings for parking illegally on city streets.

Warnings and fines would progress as the number of violations do, possibly beginning with a warning and the fines to follow.

The chief also suggested placing signs at the four highway entrances to town warning of no parking on designated city streets.

The city will also look into posting signs at commercial areas that are in question and continue to enforce all residential areas.

Nothing will be changed within the ordinance until the city has had time to begin the enforcement and posting.

## **Agenda amendments approved**

Council members voted to adopt amendments to charter rules and procedures. Things that will change will be roll call, as City Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Olofson will take roll without calling it out. It was also proposed to add a consent agenda to group smaller items together.

Councilman Orville Tonsing said he wouldn't like to see the consent agenda added as it doesn't take that much longer to hit on each item separately. "I wonder if we are leapfrogging some

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things that maybe we need to make sure everybody is aware of,” Tonsing said.

Mayor David Nygaard said he hopes the changes will leave time after the meeting is closed to allow for city planning that is more strategic.

## **Reports of city officials**

Supt. Mark Brown reported Western Area Power will be working on switching power from the Holyoke substation to a portable substation so maintenance can be done on the Holyoke substation. The planned citywide power outage from 5-8 a.m. Tuesday was a direct result from that work.

Once the work has been done the switch-back will occur sometime in June, according to Brown. That will account for another citywide power outage.

Brown also mentioned more problems were found when the computer system for the swimming pool was being worked on. He said they will take an older system and program it to work with the pool.

Police Chief Biersdorfer talked about speed limits on streets around town. He said there have been a fair number of complaints of people speeding on residential streets in Holyoke and suggested looking into placing signs regarding speed. He said he has seen towns place signs on the entrances into town that read, “speed limit 25 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted.”

As it is now, residential areas are 30 m.p.h. with business districts 25 m.p.h.

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Nygaard reported horticulture agent Linda Langelo has been conducting assessments of trees around Holyoke and will be giving her report to the tree board in the near future.

Dog licensing is another enforcement topic Nygaard brought up. Code Enforcement officer Dawn Worley made some proposals a while ago and the council will look into enforcement of dog licenses at the next meeting.

Nygaard said maintenance of the Lions Club park is something that will need to be looked at in the near future as well. There is some work needing to be done on Scheunemann's wall and the Lions Club said they will provide up to \$2,000 for cement work repairs. Nygaard questioned the city's responsibility to the project.

Along those lines, it was also suggested the playground structure near the ball park needs to be worked on or taken down as it is not safe for children. Supt. Brown said the insurance company is having problems with the wooden structure and suggested it be taken down.

Councilman Kevin Scott said the city, with cooperation of the Lions Club, should look into the restrooms at the concession stand. He suggested they be made handicap accessible as well as updated.

Nygaard said the grants have been approved and grant money was accepted for the recycling project presented by students from Holyoke and Haxtun. The bins will be here and the project should be up and running in June, according to the mayor. The project was first presented to the council at their March 2 meeting by Holyoke Recycles.

## **Summer coaches hired**

Kyle Bules, Stefan Betley, Kelsey Scott and Danielle Olofson were hired as summer recreation

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coaches.

Bules and Betley were hired at \$1,500, Scott \$1,550 and Olofson \$1,700. The salaries are for the month of June only. All four will be paid \$8/hr for hours worked in May and July.

## **Other business**

In other business May 4, council members:

—approved travel requests for Kathy Olofson and Biersdorfer.

—accepted request to turn water on at Community Garden and waive usage fees.

—renewed option for elected and appointed officials to join the health and dental insurance group plan.

—adopted resolutions 2-2010, resolution adopting the northeast Colorado regional hazard mitigation plan update and 3-2010, resolution to accept Colorado discretionary aviation grant agreement.