

Council hears update on ball park bleachers

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A GOCO (Great Outdoors Colorado) mini grant is in the works to replace the bleachers at the ball park in Holyoke. Holyoke City Council members have discussed the issue during past meetings and again hit on the topic at their July 6 meeting.

The city is looking into replacing the bleachers and awnings. City Supt. Mark Brown said they are thinking about purchasing a roll-out type of awning instead of using something similar to the current ones. They were described as being similar to a tarp on a grain trailer.

The awnings would be seasonal and could be stowed away, and Brown added they would be cheap if the need to replace them arose.

City Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Olofson noted she would like to get the grant sent in by the first part of August so changes could be made if necessary before the Aug. 25 deadline. Grant money will be awarded in December.

Council members questioned a backup plan if the grant is unsuccessful, and Olofson said it will be put in the budget because the insurance company is pushing the issue.

Reports of city officials

City Supt. Brown reported a couple power outages, one where a transformer needed to be replaced. He also noted city crews have been busy cleaning up after the recent string of storms.

Storms have also caused a little damage on the old city shop, according to Brown.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer reported things have been fairly normal. He said HPD assisted the Ogallala, Neb. Police with a hit and run.

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The chief also reported officers have had some more time to focus on target traffic areas as calls for service have been down.

Mayor David Nygaard questioned the chief about stop signs located at the intersection of Campbell and Emerson streets. He asked that it be evaluated to see if the signs are necessary any more.

City Clerk/Treasurer Olofson said she has spoken with Tammie Timm of Holyoke Recycles to see where things stand with the new recycling bins. The OK was recently given to go ahead and purchase the bins. Olofson reported they will arrive around six weeks after they are ordered.

Other business

In other business July 6, council members:

—approved request to replace the air conditioner/heating unit for the front city office contingent upon the lowest received bid.

—appointed Ray Bailey to another six-year term on the planning commission.

—reappointed Helen Murray and Russ Tyndal to three-year terms on the board of variance adjustment.

—approved special events permit for Holyoke Vet's Club.