

Committee making progress on dog pound

Written by Chris Lee

Plans are steadily moving forward with a dog pound/holding facility to be built and utilized in Holyoke.

Council members heard an update during the Tuesday, May 15 regular meeting from those on the committee researching the project.

Councilman Steve Moore said committee members met at the possible site to come up with some preliminary ideas. They plan to pool ideas and hopefully get something planned in the near future.

Moore said there are still several questions that need to be researched. One issue is the guidelines they are going through are all for larger buildings that are capable of housing 15 or more animals.

“We kind of have an idea,” Moore said. They are looking at six runs where part of each run is inside and the other is outside. Animals can be shut inside over night or during cold weather. There will be a couple small rooms for storage, hot water heater and a sink.

They still need to find out what, if any, of the pound needs to be ADA compatible. They also need to research an isolation room.

City Attorney Al Wall said it is important the city gets something rolling soon because new guidelines will be coming out this summer.

“We have an idea of what we want,” Moore said. “We just don’t know exactly what regulations we’re going to have to follow completely.”

“We kicked around a lot of good ideas,” city supt. Mark Brown added.

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Reports of city officials

Council members heard reports from city supt. Brown and police chief Doug Bergstrom at last week's meeting.

Brown noted the tornado sirens were tested Tuesday morning, May 15 and they all worked well except for the one located near the golf course. He said they will look into the problem and hopefully get it fixed.

He said the crew with Hayward Baker was scheduled to be in town late last week to work on the Mini Park. They had been hung up on another project and didn't come during the second week of May as expected.

Brown said they will begin advertising to solicit bids for the upcoming airport fog sealing and remarking project. Bid opening will take place in June.

Lastly, Brown said citywide clean-up went real smoothly. He said they hauled 35 loads of wood, three loads of steel and 10 tons of trash.

Bergstrom said he and officer Larry Drake recently attended an active shooter drill in Haxtun.

Other business

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In other business May 15, council members:

—approved an ordinance authorizing the sale of real property located on S. Belford towards the south end of town.

—hired and set wages for summer recreation coaches Ashley Clayton and Laura Gerk for softball and Kyle Bules, Trevor Dalton and Nic Balog for baseball.

—set summer help wages for Cody Fricke, Matthew Wittman, Alfredo Santos and Brett Cumming.

—increased wages three percent for officer Dwight Thompson after a favorable six-month review.

—approved travel request for sergeant Damon Ellis and officer Thompson to attend an active shooter training in Fort Morgan June 21.

—renewed liquor license for KarDale’s Restaurant and Lounge.

—approved request from Phillips County Commissioners to reconsider the monthly sewer fee at Harvest Park.

—waived building permit fee for installation of a sprinkler system at Homesteaders Park.

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