

City submits GOCO app

Written by Kyle Arnoldy

Holyoke is seeking \$110,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado for a local parks and outdoor recreation grant. Members of the Holyoke City Council agreed to submit the application at their meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The money represents 44 percent of the total estimated costs of upgrading to new ADA restrooms and dugouts, updates to the playground equipment as well as construction of steel awnings on the bleachers for shade and safety at Holyoke Ball Park.

Maintenance will be covered with the funds available in the budget for parks. The 2013 budget for all parks is \$53,471.

Once the brief meeting concluded, board members entered a 40-minute executive session for a conference with City Attorney Al Wall to receive legal advice on specific legal questions.

Still searching for methods to deal with feral cats

Lynda Hagemann presented the board with some possible actions to help reduce the size of the feral cat population in Holyoke.

Hagemann expressed her interest in an event in which the city and local veterinarians work together for a city-wide spay and neuter day where costs are reduced for those looking to have their cats spayed or neutered.

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Reports from city officials

City Superintendent Mark Brown reported that the boilers at the pool and the library have been recently inspected.

A boiler at the pool failed the inspection because the air intake manifold was broken. Parts have been ordered for it.

The boiler at the library also failed the inspection due to the pop-off valve which has since been replaced.

Police Chief Doug Bergstrom reported that from Jan. 31- Feb. 13 there were 79 calls for service, three arrests, one citation, wrote five reports and eight warnings were given out.

Other business

In other business Feb. 19, the city council:

—purchased a Walker mower with 54-inch deck and an implement hitch for the cemetery from Kurtzer's LLC for for a total of \$10,600.

—agreed to sponsor the Holyoke School District's 4th Annual Emerald Awards program for \$175.

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—approved travel request for Kathy Olofson to attend the CEBT renewal conference in Sterling Feb. 21.

—agreed to travel request for Dwight Thompson to attend a patrol officer drug investigation class April 22-23 in Fort Collins.

—approved a cleaning bill increase of \$10 per month for Sandy Saylor to do Chief Bergstrom's new office.

—agreed to sell an old fire truck, which is not being used, to the Crook Fire Department for \$1,000.

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