

City receives only one bid for airport apron expansion project

Written by Chris Lee

Only one bid was received for the apron expansion project at Holyoke Municipal Airport, and it exceeded budgeted amounts, according to City Supt. Mark Brown.

Council members agreed at their Tuesday, July 20 meeting to decline the bid and move forward with negotiations or put the project out for another bid.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) money has to be used or else the city will lose it, according to Brown. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is willing to write a grant for the project or something else the city decides to do in order to keep the CIP money. The city then will have three years to do a project.

Council members voted to allow Mayor David Nygaard to sign and accept the grant when presented with it to ensure the CIP funds would be kept.

2009 audit reviewed

Scott Szabo of Lauer, Szabo and Associates, PC from Sterling presented council members with the 2009 audit. He noted the audit went very well and was appreciative of Kathy Olofson, Tillie Fisbeck and Connie Holtzman for their help.

Szabo said all the funds are in good shape and he didn't have any concerns.

Council members also approved a resolution at their Tuesday meeting in which the city of Holyoke supports the application for a mini-grant from the state board of the Great Outdoors Colorado trust fund. The grant will help fund the bleacher replacement project at the ball park.

Reports of city officials

City Supt. Brown reported two power outages and a water main issue. He also said seal coat will begin early August.

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A representative from CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) was scheduled to meet with Brown about the maintenance contract for the highways that run through Holyoke.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer reported Holyoke P.D. had a relatively quiet couple of weeks. He did say there has been a recurring problem with loud music and speeding in a specific area in town that they have been keeping an eye on.

Another incident HPD encountered was criminal tampering. Someone took vehicle window chalk and wrote on vehicles at the school, Sheriff's station and a harvest crew's combines parked near the fairgrounds. Biersdorfer said there was no permanent damage done.

Other business

In other business July 20, council members:

—held a 45-minute executive session for a conference with the city attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions.

—accepted the 2009 audit report.

—approved a resolution for appointments to serve on Nebraska Municipal Power Pool and Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska.