

## **Bids opened for land, vehicles**

Written by Chris Lee

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Council members spent the majority of their time Tuesday, Jan. 4 opening sealed bids for three vehicles, a loader and the Stout farm ground located south of Holyoke.

Numerous bids were received for all the items but none more than the John Deere loader. Twenty bids were received with the highest bid being \$14,268 from E-Z Irrigation out of Wray. The company also turned in the highest bid (\$3,768) out of 11 for the 2001 Jeep Cherokee.

Miguel A. Diaz's bid of \$1,500 was the highest out of 13 for the 1972 Ford pickup, and Manuel Hernandez Sr. turned in a bid of \$450 for the 1994 Chevrolet Caprice, for which three people bid.

Nine bids were turned in for the farm ground located two miles south of Holyoke on County Road 18 and Highway 385. The highest bid of \$109,520 came from Casey Kropp. The 316.7 acres is split into 240 acres of irrigated and 76.7 acres of dryland ground.

## **Electric rate increase approved**

Holyoke City Council voted for an increase in electrical rates to become effective on or after Jan. 20. The resolution was presented at the Nov. 16 meeting and establishes electrical rates for the city of Holyoke.

The increase applies to all residential, commercial and demand-metered customers.

The proposed rates will increase as follows:

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Residential—service charge of \$10.60/month will not change; first 1,000 kwh at \$0.09554/kwh will increase to \$0.09745/kwh and over 1,000 kwh at \$0.07776/kwh will increase to \$0.07932/kwh.

Commercial—service charge of \$18.75/month will not change; first 1,000 kwh at \$0.09554/kwh will increase to \$0.09745/kwh and over 1,000 kwh at \$0.07776/kwh will increase to \$0.07932/kwh.

Demand electric (large power users)—all kw at \$12.67/kw will increase to \$12.92/kw and all kwh at \$0.05554/kwh to \$0.05665/kwh.

## **Reports of city officials**

City Supt. Mark Brown said Wern Air Inc. was scheduled to begin working on the pool boiler Wednesday, Jan. 5 and hopes everything will be back up and running in a couple weeks.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer reported three traffic accidents were investigated, one of which happened in front of the Abstract Office and Peerless Theatre. The driver hopped the curb, damaging a trash can and handicap parking sign.

City clerk/treasurer Kathy Olofson reported she received the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) mini grant agreement and a teleconference was going to be held earlier this week to go over the grant. She also mentioned a resolution will need to be passed by the council supporting the agreement.

Once the resolution is signed by both Holyoke and GOCO, the bleachers may be ordered, Olofson said.

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## **Other business**

In other business Jan. 4, council members:

—approved a travel request from Terri Biersdorfer to attend International Code Training in Denver.

—approved travel reimbursement for City Attorney Al Wall to attend the CML conference.