

Subdivision exemption request, fire truck assessed

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A subdivision exemption request from Phillips County Commissioners, discussion of putting a fire truck up for sale and a report from Northeast Colorado Association of Local Governments (NECALG) took up much of the Aug. 18 Holyoke City Council meeting.

Under new business, a subdivision exemption request from County Commissioners regarding the events center at the fairgrounds was a topic of discussion. Commissioner Jerry Beavers said issues concerning drainage runoff from the building and parking lot concerned members of CDOT.

Council member Orville Tonsing questioned easements from the county with water, sewer and electrical lines on the property. Council members and commissioners agreed easements would be a good idea. Council member Jerry Banaka suggested proceeding with the exemption request and dealing with easements as a separate matter.

Council members agreed to follow through with the easements on the property.

Fire truck sale discussion

Council members discussed selling the fire department's 1976 Ford with a 600 gallon tank on it. Both Supt. Mark Brown and Orville Tonsing said the truck doesn't get used a lot and has sat in the shed for about four years only being utilized a few times during that period.

Brown said an offer was made, but after speaking with members of the fire dept. feels the offer isn't good enough. A suggestion to advertise the truck on Craigslist was made. Brown said he will do some research to find out how much it is worth. Ray Bailey suggested advertising the truck may help also.

Larry Worth, Executive Director for NECALG, gave an update from their annual meeting and thanked the board for its continued support for County Express.

He also brought to the board's attention a couple of different projects. The first was the Phillips County Education Service. \$8,670 was sent forward for that, and \$21,000 was allocated for the

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gardens project through the CSU Extension Office. That money will fund community garden programs throughout eastern Colorado, Worth said.

Reports of city officials

Supt. Mark Brown mentioned a mobile substation unit will be brought in while the Holyoke substation is worked on. He guesses it will take place either the first of October or November. He also said Holyoke will see power outages during that time.

Crews have been installing underground lines at the new event center and concession stand at the fairgrounds.

The new city building is almost finished according to Brown. He said the steel work is done and the electric and plumbing will finish the project up.

Brown also mentioned plans to move forward with the pavement project at the airport are in motion. A new tie down area will be the beginning point. With the help of Armstrong Consultants Inc. and the Colorado Division of Aeronautics the project should begin sometime in 2010, Brown said.

Mayor David Nygaard thanked Barry Winckler and the crew of volunteers who helped repaint the skate park ramps. Council members also voiced their thanks.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer said he received a request from someone in town to park a semi trailer on the street in front of their home in order to load for the purpose of moving. Biersdorfer said the request involved the trailer being parked on the street up to a week.

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Council members discussed the city ordinance concerning truck and trailer parking. Nygaard said he wasn't opposed to special permits while Winckler stressed the ordinance. Code Enforcement officer Dawn Worley said she was concerned with setting a precedent for future occasions. After much discussion, council members along with Biersdorfer and Worley agreed to allow the trailer to be parked on the street for short periods of time but needed to be moved in a timely fashion.

In other business Aug. 18, council members:

—renewed liquor license for First Dragon.

—approved travel request for Tillie Fisbeck and Kathy Olofson to attend Colorado Master Municipal Clerks Academy.

—allowed an exception on commercial rate for sewer system for Jack Kiernan.

—approved Dept. of Energy (WAPA) Service Agreement of Network Integration Transmission Service.