

City approves first reading of drug paraphernalia ordinance

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Holyoke City Council members approved the first reading of an ordinance that prohibits the possession, sale, manufacture, delivery or advertisement of drug paraphernalia. This action was taken during their regular meeting Tuesday, March 20.

People found in violation of the ordinance will be punished by a fine up to and including \$300 for each violation. According to the ordinance, no jail sentence or other form of imprisonment may be imposed. However, failure to pay a fine may result in imprisonment.

Drug paraphernalia is defined in the ordinance as all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the laws of the state.

The ordinance's first reading was unanimously approved (David Churchwell was absent) by council members last Tuesday and is set for final reading and passage during the Monday, April 2 meeting.

A complete copy of the ordinance may be found in this issue of the Enterprise.

Reports of city officials

Council members heard reports from city supt. Mark Brown and clerk/treasurer Kathy Olofson at last week's meeting.

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Supt. Brown said city crews spent some time at City Park trimming trees and cleaning them up as spring rolls around.

Brown also noted they have been working on a list of streets for the annual seal coat program as well as looking for bids to haul rock.

Brown said he received a bid for \$1,250 from Weathercraft Companies of Ogallala, Neb. for some repairs to the roof at the library as well as one of the gazebo roofs.

The city has some leftover tile that will be used for the project. The roof on the library has a small leak that needs to be fixed as well. The council approved the repairs with library board's approval.

Olofson said she received a donation from Carol Schmidt and family in honor of Bill Schmidt to be used for the ball park. Olofson said Brown has spoken with the family who would like to see a flagpole installed at the ball park.

Other business

In other business March 20, council members:

—noted the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 has been moved to Monday, April 2 due to the municipal election.

—approved liquor license renewal for The Skillet.

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—accepted 2012-13 quote from CEBT for health and dental insurance coverage.

—purchased AEMC Model 6503 Megohmmeter from Instrumart for electric department at a cost of \$595.

—signed memorandum of understanding for control of confidential data naming Olofson the appointee.

—instructed mayor Tonsing to send a letter of support to Colorado Historical Society to replace all the windows at the courthouse.

—voted to purchase a new boiler at a cost of \$26,862 and water heater at a cost of \$588 from Tom's Plumbing in Holyoke.

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