Another fairly large group was present at the Holyoke City Council meeting Tuesday, April 21, to see whether Phil Biersdorfer would remain Holyoke's Police Chief for the next two years.

Two-year re-appointments of several city officials, including Biersdorfer, were voted on by the council at the meeting Tuesday night.

By a vote of 4-3, the Police Chief was able to retain his position. Those council members casting the dissenting votes were Ray Bailey, Orville Tonsing and Barry Winckler.

City Supt. Mark Brown, City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Olofson, City Attorney Al Wall and Municipal Judge Dave Colver were all approved unanimously by the council.

City Cleanup May 6-7

In his report to the council, Brown announced the Holyoke City Cleanup is set for Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7. Residents are encouraged to set their items out prior to 7 a.m. on Wednesday for all areas of the city.

All items must be placed in the alley with a white marker. All like items must be sorted and grouped together and may be picked up at different times.

Items that will not be picked up include normal polycart items, building demolition debris, complete trees, grass clippings and shingles.

Car, truck and tractor tires will be collected if a fee has been paid for pickup and a city issued tag is attached to the items.

Arbor Day proclamation

A proclamation was made at the April 21 meeting by mayor David Nygaard naming Monday, May 4 Arbor Day in Holyoke.

A tree-planting ceremony will be conducted by city workers at the City Park at 1 p.m. on May 4. The community is encouraged to attend the Arbor Day celebration.

City lots sold

Two lots belonging to the city were approved for sale at Tuesday's council meeting. Lots seven and eight on block three of the O'Neal subdivision will be sold to Alan Goldenstein for $16,650. These lots are located on the corner of, and just to the south of, West Kellogg Street and Walsh Avenue in the southwest corner of the city.

A contract on the sale will be drawn up by Wall for approval at the May 5 council meeting. An ordinance will then be created and have to pass a first and second reading before the sale will be final.

Other business

In other business at the April 21 meeting, council members:

—held a 27-minute executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations.

—reviewed and accepted the local highway finance report as prepared by Scott Szabo.

—donated $1,500 to Holyoke Volunteer Fire Dept. for training and education.

—approved a purchase request for a Caterpillar Skid Steer at $36,250. It was noted the skid steer was included in the budget and the money comes from the street dept.'s equipment replacement funds.

—granted two special event permits to Holyoke Vet's Club for June 6 and June 13.

—went with the office committee's recommendation that the City remain with CEBT for its health and dental insurance policies. Colorado BW Insurance was the only other bidder and the

bid was for dental insurance only. Though it offered the cheaper quote, it also projected a 12-24 percent increase in June, leading the office committee to recommend the CEBT quote.

—approved a travel request for officer Michael Worley to attend a pressure point control tactics instructor course in Eaton.