

## **Holyoke to look into trailer park health and safety issue**

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Holyoke City Council members tabled discussion and will look into an ordinance dealing with dangerous properties.

During the regular meeting Tuesday, July 3, council members were told there is an issue with a trailer home located at what is known as the Bahler trailer park. It was stated that the trailer in question is in absolute shambles.

Under the city ordinance dealing with dangerous properties, one trailer can't be dealt with, the entire property has to be condemned. Normally the ordinance is dealing with a single building on a property.

"The ordinance doesn't match the problem," city supt. Mark Brown said.

Holyoke's code enforcement officer has sent numerous notices to the owner of the property. Brown said a little work has been done on the outside to clean it up, but not a lot. It was also stated that the owner plans to fix the trailer.

City attorney Al Wall was absent from last week's meeting so council members decided to table the discussion until the ordinance can be looked at.

## **Citizen seeks funds to repair vehicle**

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Donna Lutze attended last week's council meeting to see what can be done about damages sustained to her pickup after a city loader backed into it at the grass dump located west of town.

Lutze said her sister-in-law and brother borrowed her pickup in mid-May to take grass to the grass dump. A city employee backed into it with a loader, messing the back end up.

Lutze said she received an estimate for the damage but didn't ever hear anything else. She later found out the loader is government immune. She only has liability on the pick-up and her insurance company won't pay for the damage. She contacted her brother's insurance company which also said no to the repairs.

Lutze said since the city employee hit the pickup at a place where grass is to be dumped, the city should pay for the damages.

Lutze said she was told it was improper backing on the part of the city employee.

Council members tabled discussion in order to check into the issue a little further and see where funds may come from to cover any costs.

### **Reports of city officials**

Council members heard reports from city supt. Brown and police chief Doug Bergstrom at last week's meeting.

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Brown noted there have been numerous power outages all due to squirrels. He also said the annual seal coat program went very well and reported to council members that the truck driver for the oil truck complimented city crews for how smoothly things ran.

Brown also said a paving project in the 700 block of S. Walsh Ave. is moving forward.

Bergstrom said temporary signs will be placed along the street north of the race track during race nights to deter people from parking and watching the races from vehicles.

### **Other business**

In other business July 3, council members:

—purchased a Model IGAT-180 ADA-compliant lift for the swimming pool from Arnold Pool Company for \$4,3000 with \$280 for freight.

—authorized mayor Orville Tonsing to sign a transfer of funds agreement under the Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration upon approval from Armstrong Associates and city attorney Wall.

---authorized Tonsing to sign the notice of award letter to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. for the

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pavement maintenance project at the airport. The awarded bid is for \$106,222.

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