



Turtle Lake commission awards street project bid

Keller Paving selected as city reviews infrastructure updates

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The Turtle Lake City Commission awarded a major street improvement project, approved multiple contracts and reviewed city operations during its regular meeting April 13.

According to meeting minutes published in the Central McLean News-Journal on April 23, Commissioners Dianne Zenker, Matt Lang, Stacie Adams, Tim Britton and Rick Schwalk were present, along with City Auditor Michelle Pickett and representatives from Moore Engineering. Seven members of the public also attended.

The commission approved minutes from the March 9 meeting and later approved financial reports and bills as presented.

Moore Engineering provided an update on the city's street project, distributing an engineer's report that included bid tabulations, a preliminary cost statement, a recommendation to award the project and a notice of award. Six bids were received, ranging from approximately \$3.25 million to \$4.99 million.

Commissioners voted to award the bid to Keller Paving and Landscaping Inc. An amendment for engineering construction services is expected to be presented in May. Moore Engineering will work with the contractor to establish a construction schedule and conduct a preconstruction meeting.

Updates were also provided on other infrastructure projects. Work on the USDA Rural Development sewer project has been completed, and the contractor has agreed to liquidated damages. The city is awaiting final closeout documentation from HK Solutions. On the CDBG Governor's Fund sewer project, Swanberg Construction plans to resume work as soon as possible.

Under new business, the commission discussed cracksealing options for streets, with the auditor tasked

with researching the purchase or rental of equipment and evaluating the use of a Durapatcher to assist with ongoing maintenance.

Commissioners approved collaboration with Municipal Impact Inc. to develop a new, ADAcompliant city website, which must be in place by 2027. The new website is expected to launch by June and will provide public access to meeting minutes, agendas, ordinances and other city information.

The commission also approved moving forward with legal services from Jim Wilson of Garrison, citing a reduced rate and positive responsiveness.

Lagoon maintenance was discussed, with commissioners approving continued work with Team Lab to assist with cleaning and maintenance at a cost of \$800 per lagoon. An auditing and consulting proposal from DMC was also approved with a preliminary cost of \$17,000.

Spring cleanup was scheduled for the week of May 11, with two rolloff dumpsters to be provided for public use.

Commissioners discussed a complaint involving Roosevelt Street and reviewed ordinances related to disabled vehicles. The topic will remain on future agendas for continued discussion.

The sale of cityowned lots was also addressed. A bid was accepted for a lot on Kundert Street, with demolition costs estimated at \$10,000. No bids were received for a Walnut Street property, which will be revisited in July. Bids for a Lincoln Drive property are open until May 1 and will be considered in May.

The commission continues to accept applications for parttime summer help.

The meeting adjourned following unanimous approval. The next regular city commission meeting is scheduled for May 18.

BACK IN THE DAY

Underwood

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20 years ago, April 2006

If you haven't signed up for Medicare Part D and you are eligible, the deadline is May 15. Pharmacist Mark Malzer of Turtle Lake Rexall Drug and Sodas and Things in Underwood, said it takes at least two to three weeks to receive their cards once they have signed up.

Underwood School Board members accepted the resignation of Mary Klain's fifth grade teaching position at its April 18 meeting. Underwood School Superintendent Dale Ekstrom said the board has already filled the fifth grade position by hiring Dawnae Lee.

An adult Spring Fling dance with music by Dennis Heydt and a Rocky Mountain oyster feed will take place April 29 at the city hall to benefit Comet Kids Childcare Center.

The senior high Acalympic team is comprised of Brittany Hendrickson, Eric Trautman, Robyn Larson, Jacob Hultberg, Marshall Johnson and Sara Eslinger. They placed second at the Acalympic competition held March 21. The junior high team consisted of Hunter Wilson, Leslie Hendrickson, Crystal Dammen, Michael Finneman, Ben Duben, Rebecca Lawson and Natalie Eslinger.

Kip and Jodi Blotske announce the arrival of their daughter, Ava Lynn, born April 18.

Amanda Cottingham, B.S., management, was among the graduates at the University of Mary for the spring 2006 semester.

Golfers in grades 7-12 traveled to Washburn for a dual. Ross Hartley shot the low high school score with a nine-hole score of 47. Bethany Holm and Cassidy Blotske both came in with a score of 61.

The two-mile relay team of Nick Werre, Rhett Nostdahl, Eric Trautman and Ed Cullum ran the 3200-meter race to meet the Class B state qualifying time of 8:35.00 at the Charlie Denton relays in Bismarck.

Brittany Hendrickson and Melanie Landenberger received a "Star" rating on their flute duet at the Region VII small group Music Festival in Steele on April 8.

30 years ago, April 1996

Prairieview Nursing Home residents and staff hosted the annual volunteer tea. Minnie Stadick was at the guest book and Anne Frank presided over door prize sign-up. Crystal Granlie, activities director, and Randal Albrecht, administrator, conducted the drawings.

Underwood's Courtney Anderson finished just one stroke behind Garrison senior Doug Rohde to take second place individual honors at last Tuesday's triangular at the Garrison

Golf Course. Anderson finished the course with a 43, leading the Comets to a second-place finish in the triangular, with a total score of 189. Garrison won the meet with a score of 176.

40 years ago, April 1986

A decreased demand for coal at Coal Creek Station affected 22 Falkirk Mine workers. Nine were laid off at Falkirk and hired at Coteau; eight were rehired in a different capacity; five had to be let go. Mild weather and the low cost of competing Wyoming coal are the major reasons UPA-CPA is not marketing as much electricity.

The nation's capital with its history and excitement impressed nine students from Underwood High School who took a three-day tour of the city. Juniors and seniors taking part were Byron Johnson, Becki Anderson, Holly Stadick, Denise Rasmusson, Mary Schafer, Kim Landenberger, Becki Zietz, Mary Duben and Becky Brockel.

Area track teams again had their week cut short by the cold and rainy weather.

50 years ago, April 1976

Work on the construction of Coal Creek Power Generating Plant near here was back to normal Tuesday after work was halted when the 200-plus workers at the site either participated in or honored a protest work stoppage, triggered by the operators and engineers Local 49. The action was in protest to the placement of non-union employees at the site by Central Contracting of Bismarck.

The Falkirk Mining Company is currently in the pre-mining construction state doing basic field work. The proposed Falkirk mine is located approximately four miles south of Underwood. The company has a 35-year contract to provide coal to United Power Association and Cooperative Power Association's Coal creek Generating Station located one mile south of the mine site.

Ed Schulz, who had been delivering freight to McLean County points for 28 of the past 32 years, retired April 10.

In a unanimous decision, the Underwood City Commission voted to institute a park board. The creation of a park board is necessary for the city to establish a mill levy.

A bridal shower for Gail Boots of Coleharbor will be held April 27 at St. Bonaventure Parish Hall.

Bonnie Morris and Robert D. Rupp exchanged marriage vows April 17 in the Congregational Church at Garrison.

Nancy Busch and Mike Milkey were recognized at the 55th annual Northern Interscholastic Press Association convention April 11-13 at the University of North Dakota.

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