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Effective April 1, residents of the City of Grant will see a 4 percent increase in their electric rates.

A resolution to increase rates was unanimously approved during the regular meeting of the Grant City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

“We’re passing on the increase we’re seeing from our suppliers,” said City Manager Tyson McGreer. “It’s not to make money, we’re just passing on the increase.”

The change in rates that customers will see on their April bills is most likely not the end—council expects to see a hike again next year of perhaps 7-8 percent because of inflation, and that inflated price must be passed along to those who are being provided the service.

In Other Business

Council accepted a bid from C&S Construction to perform work on the intersection at 5th and Lincoln in Grant, smoothing out and repairing the deep dips on either side.

In a 3-1 vote (Pofahl, Hansen and Pick, yes; Pierce-no) council approved the bid by C&S Construction for \$45,465.

The project has been on the city’s one-and-six year plan for a long time. The repairs at the

intersection will take the place of any armor coating being done this summer.

City Manager Tyson McGreer said work at the intersection will begin as soon as the weather begins to hold.

Keno Requests Granted

Three requests for Keno funds were granted by city council members during their regular meeting Feb. 23.

The entities seeking funds had a representative at the meeting.

- Through written request, Perkins County Health Services asked for funding to help with the purchase of approximately 12 car seats as part of this year's health fair event.

The seats will be offered to families who have none or whose car seats don't meet the requirements of a car seat check that will be provided during the PCHS Health Fair in April.

The seats will be sold at a flat fee during the health fair at which time a car seat check with a certified expert will be held.

According to the written request for keno funds to help with the purchase of seats, more than 1,400 children die nationally and over 200,000 are hurt each year in vehicle crashes.

PCHS was awarded \$300 in keno funds to help with the project.

- The Perkins County Area Arts Council was awarded \$500 in keno funds for art classes at the Meadowlark Gallery.

Supplies will be purchased for painting and wood carving classes offered to the community by local artists.

“These projects foster community betterment by bringing the arts to our community and providing opportunities for individuals to learn and grow,” noted the application request. “As an organization for the arts and artists, it is the responsibility of the PCAAC to provide, when possible, opportunities for artists to grow and develop, which will in turn provide opportunities for emerging artists to learn and develop their interests and talents.”

- Four individuals from the Perkins County Senior Services were present to seek funds in covering the yearly expense of insurance that is soon due.

Council awarded \$1,200 in Keno funds to help the seniors keep the center open. Because expenses are so high, fundraisers and the amount raised through senior meals and the thrift shop do not match the amount needed.

It was again pointed out that anyone is welcome to eat at the senior center, as well as take part in the activities offered such as pool, cards, puzzles and art activities.