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Grant City Council held the first reading on an ordinance of annexation, approved keno requests, discussed renewing a maintenance contract, and took action on moving forward in the process of nuisance abatement during their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Annexation Readings

The first of three readings was held on the proposed annexation for the City of Grant.□

Four separate ordinances annexing four areas into the city corporate limits of the City of Grant included Area 1: West—which includes the Mastre subdivision and additional acreage; Area 2: North—which includes Styskal subdivision and several acres on either side of Highway 61 north of 10th Street; Area 3: Southwest—including several acres south of Highway 23 toward the west; and Area 4: East and Southeast—which includes acreage straight east of the corporate limits of Grant along with acreage on both the north and south sides of Highway 23 going east.

If approved by the council, annexation would take in 65 residents and approximately 100 residential acres.

Keno Requests

Approximately \$1,885 in keno funds was approved by council for two entities in Perkins County.

- Council granted a \$1,000 request by the Perkins County Animal Shelter for a spay and neuter program at the shelter.

Qualifying families can get their pets spayed or neutered for one-third of the total cost of the procedure during a spay/neuter clinic at the shelter. Vaccinations will be offered the same day for one-half price.

The application for the keno funds stated, "Offering to help fund spay/neuter projects keeps the number of unwanted pets off the streets and out of a shelter situation.

It also helps the low income families stay current on vaccinations for pets and improves health of pets in the entire community. This project would increase the opportunity for low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations to two times yearly instead of one time only."

- A request for \$888 was granted to the Perkins County Youth Center to help with liability insurance.

In answering the question on the application of how the project fosters community betterment, the application read, "The high school youth of our county are still making good use of the facility as a fun place to hang out with their friends. It also gives our out-of-town kids a place to go and study after school when they've got something else going on in the evening and don't want to drive all the way home and back again."

In Other Business

- No action was taken on extending the maintenance contract with Uehling's Total Turf for the park and ballfields. City Manager Tyson McGreer will look into the advantage/disadvantage of pre-paying one-half of a locked-in price for the entire year for fertilizer and other products.

- Council members gave a 3-1 approval for the mayor to sign an agreement with West Central

Nebraska Development District to put into motion the abatement process within the city limits of Grant.

- During the council's previous meeting on Nov. 10, a resolution was approved to increase cemetery fees in two categories.

The cemetery fees effective Nov. 10 are as follows:

Lot purchase price: \$150 plus filing fee (same as last year).

Full burial grave opening during regular hours: \$300 (same as last year).

Full burial grave opening on Saturday and Sunday: \$400 (same as last year).

Cremation opening during regular hours \$75 (up \$25 from last year.)

Cremation opening on Saturday and Sunday \$100 (up \$25).

Stone placement \$10 (same).