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To be proactive in preserving the city's water tower by performing maintenance projects, Grant City Council heard a presentation by a company offering a program solely for that purpose.

During the regular meeting on Oct. 25, a representative from Utility Service Company of Omaha described what the company offers if given a contract to take over long term maintenance of the city's 200,000 gallon tank.

A power point presentation showed council members some of the obvious visible problems with the water tower, which was built in the 1970s.

The tank shows typical signs of aging inside, with fading and chalking of the paint on the exterior. Due to its age, more secure railing around the tank is among other recommendations made by the representative.

City Superintendent Tyson McGreer will work on details of the agreement, determine how the cost might fit into the city's budget, and then decide whether to make a recommendation to city council.

In Other Action

• Allo Communications, represented by Brad Moline of Imperial, was given a green light to extend the company's fiber network through an eight-block area of Grant in order to provide better connectivity for the panhandle region.

Moline assured council members that Allo is not competing with Great Plains Communications but is only wishing to expand in western Nebraska and needs to run cable through town in order to accomplish this.

• In a 4-0 vote, council gave approval to let bids for a 2012 spring/summer street improvement project at 3rd and Washington.

• A resolution was unanimously passed to declare the old garbage truck surplus equipment.

• Council unanimously approved a motion to abate property at 7th and Central and 9th and Sherman.