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(Neb.)-Two Water-Related Projects Surface At Chadron City Council Meeting

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Photo: Members of the Chadron city council discuss the information submitted during the Leo A. Daly engineering firm's stormwater preliminary design presentation. (Photo by KCSR-Roxie Graham-Marski)

(CHADRON)-The city of Chadron is one small step closer to two possible water-related projects after Monday evening's city council meeting. Al Hottovy, Dawn Danley, and Joy Willoughby from the Leo A. Daly Engineering Firm presented additional information to council members regarding the Main Streetand First Street storm water project. After additional research and findings, the firm has reduced the total cost for the project, which includes the replacement of storm and sanitary pipes as well as repaving Main Street between First and Third Streets and First Street between Main and Pines Streets, at $3,960,000. The original cost estimate was closer to $6.5 million. Leo A. Daly has also coordinated with the Nebraska Department of Roads to make sure that the pipe design matches at Hwy. 20 and Main Street, since the state has committed to renovating Hwy. 20, or Third Street, through town in 2015. The city's cost share of that project would be $1,115,611.

The second possible project discussed at the meeting was moving forward to explore the feasibility of covering and renovating the existing city swimming pool. A committee that had been formed in a Dawes County Joint Planning Session, entitled the Swimming Pool Enclosure Enhancement and Development Option committee, or SPEEDO for short, had been brainstorming ideas. They, along with city manager Wayne Anderson and Dale Grant from Chadron State College, felt the project needed city backing in order to begin the actual process of preparing cost estimates and seeking grant monies for the project. It was decided that a new committee consisting of a few SPE EDO committee members, a couple of city employees, including Anderson, and one or two representatives from CSC will form a new committee that will work to provide more information to the council by their meeting in mid-December.

Also at the meeting, the council approved the purchase of a new 4x4 utility vehicle for the parks department to help with snow removal and other tasks and also the payment of $28,524 to Buettner Construction for additional work and materials needed for the water main replacement project on North Mears Street. The city has also purchased a 1995 Ford truck for $6,000 for the street department to replace the one that caught fire recently.

In closing comments, council members encouraged city residents to get out and vote, thank a veteran as Veteran's Day approaches, and contact them with any questions or comments regarding the storm water project or any significant issue.

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