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(Neb.)-Chadron Swimming Pool Project Delayed, Sidewalk Rules Updated



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Photo: Members of the Chadron city council prepare to get underway at their meeting Monday night. From left: city clerk Donna Rust, attorney Adam Edmund, city manager Wayne Anderson, mayor Karin Fischer, vice-mayor Levi Grant, and council members Bill Barth, John Gamby, and Paris Fisher. (Photo by KCSR-Roxie Graham-Marski)

(CHADRON)-It was a busy night at the Chadron city council last night (Monday). Discussion focused mainly on whether or not to purchase a new SUV for use by city manager Wayne Anderson and a ½ ton pickup truck for city use, mainly by public works director Milo Rust. The council voted against the purchase of the SUV 3-2 and for the purchase of the pick-up 4-1. They also discussed changes being requested to the city employee personnel manual, including going from purchasing meals while traveling on city business with a credit card to a set per diem rate per day and giving new employees a week of their accrued vacation at six months time instead of waiting a year for two weeks. Council members decided to table the matter until all five major changes in the manual could be formed into separate resolutions so council members could vote yes and no on each specific one.

Another surprise to some: the council decided not to proceed at this time with a professional services agreement with Burbach Aquatics regarding the possibility of an upgraded city swimming pool. Some members stated that they did not feel the timing was right and that it might conflict with the upcoming referendum vote regarding the city's stormwater project, while others thought they didn't have enough information on the proposed swimming pool project to even introduce the resolution. Council member John Gamby tried to introduce the project so that it could be more fully discussed, and it died for lack of a second.

The council did approve changes to the city's sidewalk ordinance, making it easier for those required to fix their sidewalks to not have to do so in the dead of winter and also resolving the 4 foot, 5 foot dilemma.

The council also heard from Dawes County commissioner Stacy Swinney as he solicited the city's support for the creation of a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission District in the Northwest section of the Panhandle. Swinney said a new bill is being drafted and is scheduled to make its debut on the floor possibly as early as today.

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