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(Neb.)-Chadron City Council Moves Forward With City Trucks, Police Vehicle



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Photo: Street superintendent Terry Birnbaum visits with the Chadron city council regarding the city's new snow/dump truck purchase at their meeting Monday evening. (Photo by KCSR-Roxie Graham-Marski)

(CHADRON)-At their meeting Monday night, the Chadron city council recommended the awarding of a bid for two regular cab 4x4 snow/dump trucks to Wahlstrom Ford for \$112,399.60. The trucks will have snow plows and met most of the specifications that the street department was looking for. Of the bids received, street superintendent Terry Birnbaum recommended the Wahlstrom bid to the council. The trucks are below the budgeted amount, so anything else that is needed for them can be purchased later.

After considerable discussion, the council also decided to approve specifications for a new full-size police package sedan or SUV and authorize notice to dealers. Police chief Tim Lordino said he thought a larger sedan or an SUV would be more beneficial to the police force than would a pickup truck.

The council also spent a lengthy amount of time discussing changes that had been suggested to the city's employee personnel manual, especially a new section that details how a city employee should proceed should any matter with the city manager arise that cannot be resolved. The council finally decided to recommend changes that include the city clerk making records of the complaint and notifying the council of the situation within 24 hours of receiving the complaint. The council also wished to have upwards of 30 calendar days with which to mediate such a situation.

Public works director Milo Rust informed the council that the city has received word of a matching state grant that would cover up to 2% of the project costs for the rehabilitation of the runways and taxiways at Chadron Municipal Airport. The 2% would provide approximately \$150,000 toward the project. The council unanimously approved moving forward with the request, which needs to be submitted to the state by July 31st.

Terry Owen, chair of the swimming pool committee, also known as the SPEEDO committee, gave an update at the meeting, saying the committee has been hard at work meeting with stakeholders and gaining a better idea of who would utilize a new enclosed pool, when and how it would be most utilized as well as how often. We will have more on this and other news from city council a little later on in the day.

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