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cus on retail,” Nelson said. “When focusing on retail, that doesn’t just mean recruiting new retail, but also taking care of the retail that we have and working with property owners when we can to help complement projects that they want to do to improve the retail areas in our community.”

She added that this is a project she’s wanted to do for some time.

“The Yankton Mall’s kind of been a bucket-list item,” she said. “Even before I came here, I heard about the Yankton Mall and its need for some attention.”

Toby Morris of Dougherty and Company told the commission that a special assessment acts as a tool to bring in revenue for the improvements.

“Typically, in this day, you don’t ever say the words special assessment just because it has a very negative connotation,” Morris said. “Really, what it is is a revenue stream. And in order to have a revenue stream, you then can get to a project and once you have a project, the financing takes place. But it all starts with identifying where you are going to come up with the revenue, and that’s when we sat with the Dial folks and said, ‘If you’d be willing to do a special assessment for yourself, the city could act as a conduit and issue the debt where it would go into façade improvements.’”

Morris added that this does nothing to taxes paid by the citizens of Yankton.

“This is only on the Yankton Mall,” he said. “This is not on any citizen within Yankton-proper itself, but is specifically designed to the legal description of where the Yankton Mall is.

Storm

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and the course playable. However, Glendridge officials decided to keep the course closed Monday during the clean-up effort.

The Glenridge board of directors was scheduled to meet Monday night and make decisions on what remains to do, Nielsen said.

“We think we’re pretty close to getting ready to go again,” he said, adding officials hope to re-open the course today (Tuesday). Persons interested in golfing should first call the clubhouse at (605) 263-3546.

The NWS reported winds of 60 and 70 mph in Hutchinson, Yankton, Turner, Clay and Union counties of southeast South Dakota. In addition, the NWS reported winds of 70 mph in Dixon County of northeast Nebraska.

The Yankton region reported broken and uprooted trees, with crop damage reported in the Mayfield area, the NWS said.

The NWS also reported dime-sized hail and 60 mph winds south-southeast of Meckling. Clay County emergency manager Layne Stewart said he didn’t received reports of damage from the storm.

The crop damage appears to have occurred mainly in the Irene area, according to Dave Charles, director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Yankton.

Charles said he talked with farmers about the storm’s impact on their corn and beans.

“There was nothing too catastrophic,” he said. “It may take a couple of days to see how things turn out, but it should bounce back.”

The entire region could use more precipitation, Charles said.

“A lot of places are holding on,” he said. “There aren’t too many areas with an abundance of rain.”

The next few weeks will tell the tale, Charles said.

“Overall, things are looking pretty decent, but it’s early to tell,” he said. “A lot can change. The corn isn’t in the bin yet.”

Besides Irene, the other significant damage in southeast South Dakota came in the Alcester area with 70 mph winds, according to meteorologist Phil Schumacher of the NWS office in Sioux Falls.

In northeast Nebraska,

Nobody’s taxes are going to be raised except for Yankton Mall, which is willingly here to do that on themselves.”

Dial Properties CEO Terry Clauff told the commission that malls in smaller markets are struggling these days, and there’s a need to update with changing times.

“What are middle-market malls doing, not only in the state of South Dakota, but nationally?” Clauff said.

“They’re not doing well in small markets. The understanding of how to improve real estate, especially in retail and especially in closed malls, is to de-mall. The second thing to do is provide an entertainment center.”

Clauff explained “de-malling” as a process of dialing back reliance on an enclosed mall and adding exterior entrances to retailers as with a strip-mall.

He added there are a lot of major plans for the mall with the special assessment including demolishing the current location of Dunham Sports — which will be moving to a larger location on the north side of the mall — and turning it into a courtyard area, outdoor facades for retailers and improvements to the mall’s parking lot. Only 9,000 square feet of retail space will be sacrificed in the demolition.

In other business, the commission:

* Approved a letter of support for housing rehabilitation.

* Annexed recently purchased property on the former Human Services Center campus into the city.

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most of the severe weather apparently occurred in Antelope County, west of Norfolk, Schumacher said.

“These were considered straight line winds with a severe thunderstorm, so it was a super cell,” he said. “Those are stronger, typically longer storms that produce hail with damaging winds.”

The recent storms have provide badly-needed rainfall for southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska, which have remained abnormally dry, Schumacher said.

Since July 26, Yankton has recorded three days of more than 1 inch of rain, the meteorologist said. During that two-week period, July 26 had 1.88 inches, July 28 had 1.31 inches and Sunday through Monday morning had 1.62 inches, he said.

“Prior to those three events (in Yankton), there wasn’t even one time of more than 1 inch of rain in a 24-hour period from June 1 through July 26. So you’re seeing more heavy rains,” he said.

Thanks to the heavy rains, Yankton has gone from a moisture deficit into a surplus for the summer, Schumacher said. As of July 25, Yankton stood 2.16 inches below normal for the summer. With the past two weeks’ rainfall, Yankton now stands 1 inch above normal. However, Yankton still remains 4.89 inches below normal for the year, Schumacher said.

“Since January1 until the rains started July 26, Yankton was about 7 inches below normal,” he said. “As of (Monday), Yankton was still a little under 5 inches below normal.”

This week’s forecast calls for high temperatures of 87 degrees today, then rising to the 90s through Saturday and the mid-80s Sunday, the meteorologist said.

“We look to have a heat index in the upper 90s,” he said. “If you’re working outside in the afternoon, drink lots of fluids and (take rest breaks) if you can.”

The forecast calls for a 40 percent chance of precipitation this weekend, Schumacher said.

“It doesn’t look like there’s going to be a big threat for severe weather,” he said. “We’ll know more as we get closer to the weekend.”

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Housing

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“We’re hoping to be able to sell lots as soon as the streets start going in,” he said. “Homes — November we hope to have those available and ready to move into.”

The first phase of Westbrook Estates is set to include 70 apartment units, 16 fourplex lots, 28 duplex units and 29 single-family homes.

Specht also said that area communities can also play a part in easing the city’s housing shortage.

“They’re going to be vital to have as partners in housing,” he said. “They’ve got areas in their communities that have infill needs. They want to keep their communities strong and we want to keep their communities strong. Not everyone wants to live in Yankton, or Sioux Falls or Omaha. Some people really want to live in smaller communities and we need to find a way to provide

that and work with those communities.”

Specht said YAPG doesn’t intend to wait to start tackling the next phases in affordable housing.

“We’re not sure what it’s going to include other than more housing,” he said. “The housing study indicated we need about 200 apartments. That was two years ago. We haven’t built near 200 apartments so we’re going to have to look at, ‘Now we’ve done this, what’s next?’ It’s a big unknown, but we’re not going to sit back and wait for it to come up and bite us again. We’re going to be proactive.”

In other business, the meeting included a visit from Mitchell Area Development Corps executive director Brian Hisel to discuss Mitchell’s housing study experience and how their city has responded as well as a short update on the progress of the Napa Junction project.

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moving a driveway and replacing a culvert on the property, as the existing culvert can not be removed. The proposal was ultimately struck down.

•Discussed what to do about a Vermillion man who is not following proper house building protocol.

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Trail. The subject was put on the next meeting agenda.

•Examined a proposal for

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WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — A Wisconsin judge ruled Monday that two 13-year-old girls accused of stabbing a classmate to please the online horror character Slender Man will stay in adult court, where they could face a sentence of decades in prison.

Waukesha County Circuit Judge Michael Bohren said he was worried that the girls would stop receiving mental health treatment and be released into the community with no supervision when they exited the juvenile system at age 18. Keeping them in the adult system would protect people longer, the judge said.

“The real issue is what happens in a few years,” Bohren said. “They’ve committed an offense that was ... frankly vicious.”

The two girls, both wearing dresses and in shackles, said nothing during the 45-minute proceeding. One of them bounced in her chair until a bailiff whispered to her. She spent the rest of the hearing hunched over and glancing at the ceiling. The girls’ attorneys also said nothing to the judge.

One of their attorneys, Maura McMahon, told reporters outside the courtroom that she was “of course” disappointed and her client didn’t understand what had happened. She said she planned to discuss an appeal with the girl and the attorney then left. The other defense attorneys and prosecutors departed without speaking to reporters.

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