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Surplus Land In Limbo

City Commissioners Remain At Odds On How To Proceed With Property

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After trying in vain Monday night to find common ground on which it could proceed with the sale of surplus property, the Yankton City Commission ultimately opted to table the subject for a later date.

The commission recently opted to declare the 5.58 acres property on the west side of the 2200 block of Douglas Avenue and south of Fire Station No. 2 as surplus land. The bare property is zoned as R-2 single-family residential, and the commission has attached covenants so that a developer would have to build affordable housing on it. It is projected that 18-21 homes could be built on the land.



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City Attorney Dave Hosmer believed that the minimum bid would have to be 90 percent of the appraised value of the property as determined by three city-appointed freeholders — Jen Petersen, Dennis Breck and Lynn Peterson. They based the value upon the sales of other large tracts of undeveloped land in the city during the past five years, according to Community Development Director Wayne Kindie.

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Sunday Storm Damage Reported

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Thunderstorms that rolled through southeast South Dakota Sunday evening left some damage in their wake, including three suspected lightning strikes in Yankton.

According to Yankton Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles, a report was received at 8:22 p.m. that a tower at Mount Marty College was struck by lightning and was on fire.

"We couldn't find it," he said. "It was raining and blowing so hard, it may have been put out."

Nickles said he hadn't spoken with college officials Monday to confirm whether any damage was eventually discovered.

A second call was received at 8:40 p.m. of a possible lightning strike and smoke in the basement of a residence in the 1500 block of Walnut Street.

"We haven't confirmed the lightning strike there," Nickles said. "However, (the owner) had a tree fall on a power line, causing his power to single phase. It caused the fuse panel to overheat and smoke, but there was no other damage."

The final call was received at 8:49 p.m. of a lightning strike.

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New For The School Year



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The new school year for the Yankton School District officially got under way Monday night as the school board reorganized for 2013-2014. Jim Fitzgerald, left, who won re-election in April, was sworn in Monday, then elected board president for the new year. He is shown listening to Dr. Wayne Kindie, who was at the meeting for the first time in his new capacity as district superintendent. Also, newcomer Sarah Carda was sworn in to her first term.

YSD Board Reorganizes; Fitzgerald Elected President

BY ANDREW ATWAL andrew.atwal@yankton.net

At its annual reorganization meeting Monday night, the Yankton School District (YSD) school board elected Jim Fitzgerald as the new president, while re-electing Kathy Greenway to the vice president position.

Fitzgerald said he'll enter the presidential post with no set agenda and looks forward to continuing to serve the district in a new capacity on the board.

New school board member Sarah Carda was also sworn to the board with a three-year term.

"Like I said during the elections, I'm really looking forward to learning a lot while serving on the board," she said.

YSD superintendent Wayne Kindie, attending his first meeting in his new post, recognized outgoing school board member Chris Specht for his 16 years of service to the school district.

"Chris did a lot of good things for the district, staff members and students," Kindie said. "I want to congratulate him for a good 16 years on the school board."

Board members also discussed the preliminary 2013-14 school budget, which will be voted on in September.

"State law requires a preliminary budget to be presented in May," Kindie said. "Law also requires there be a public hearing on the budget, which is what we did today. Budgets must be approved by October."

The YSD budget includes a one-time money allocation of \$284,000 for YSD, which was approved by the Legislature.

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Whiteclay

Tribal President Walks Out On Gov. Heineman

BY GRANT SCHULTE Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Less than three minutes into a meeting Monday about alcohol sales in Whiteclay, the president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe walked out on Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman.

Tribal president Bryan Brewer said he left because he felt the governor has no intention of trying to address alcohol-related problems that stem from the Nebraska town that sells millions of cans of beer and borders South Dakota's officially dry Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. He also accused Heineman of greeting him with a hostile tone, an allegation the governor denied.

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BRYAN BREWER

not his problem, it's my problem — solve it," Brewer said at a news conference after the meeting.

Earlier Monday, Heineman said Nebraska has no legal authority to shut down the liquor stores unless they violate state law. He said the tribe should provide education and treatment to

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Shake And Bake(r)



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These children got into the swing of things Monday night when children's entertainer Phil Baker performed at the Riverside Park amphitheatre in Yankton. Baker's performances usually get kids involved on stage, and Monday's show was no exception. Baker has performed at the White House, Disney World, Legoland and all across the United States and Europe. He has also been a frequent feature at Riverboat Days, and he is scheduled to perform a show here next month during the annual August festival. Monday's special performance was sponsored by Cathy Becker of Modern Woodman.

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