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City To
Consider
Further
Session
Meetings

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The Yankton City Commission is looking at the prospect of making open work sessions a more regular occurrence.

Commissioner Nathan Johnson, who covered the City Commission, now serves on for years as the *Press & Dakotan's* city editor, said the idea came about because of what he's witnessed over the years.

"For years, I've attended the City Commission's annual budget workshops,"



Johnson

he said. "In addition to going through the budget department by department, these meetings often include broad philosophical debates among commissioners about where the city's priorities are at and where they should be."

He added there has been noticeable change and positive additions to the city as a result of such meetings.

"These sorts of conversations resulted in the addition of a code enforcement officer some years ago, when the commission discussed the need to focus more on nuisance abatements in the community," he said. "At the beginning of 2016, we will be hiring a special events coordinator. That was first talked about several years ago during a free-flowing conversation held after the success of the community's 150th anniversary event. These are just a few examples of how informal discussions have led to, what I would consider, positive actions by the commission."

Johnson said they also provide an opportunity to break with some of the rigid formalities of a normal City Commission meeting and encourage more questions to be raised.

"The regular meetings are formal and regimented," he said. "We have to press a

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Flood Threat Lingers

Heavy Thunderstorms Create Issues For Parts Of Region

From P&D and AP Reports

OMAHA, Neb. — More than 5 inches of rain soaked eastern Nebraska and western Iowa Wednesday, causing street flooding during the morning commute and forcing some schools to close for the day.

Parts of the region, including the Yankton area, remained under a flash flood watch early today (Thursday).

The National Weather Service issued a flood

watch for the area around Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, through Wednesday afternoon because between 5 inches and 8 inches of rain fell in the area.

By midday Wednesday, Eppley Airfield had already set a new record with 5.22 inches of rain. The previous mark for this date was 1.97 inches of rain in 1977.

Flooding left several streets in both cities impassable, including parts of downtown Council Bluffs. Several cars that drove into flooded

streets became stranded after the floodwaters caused them to stall.

Commuters across the metro area struggled to find a path to work.

Gina Primmer told the *Omaha World-Herald* that her Volvo SUV stalled as she tried to cross floodwaters with her two children in the vehicle. Fortunately, her vehicle restarted after drying out for a while, but many other drivers

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Still Open For Business



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Chief White Crane Recreation Area below Gavins Point Dam is one of three state campgrounds that will have an extended season into the autumn, it was announced Wednesday. The Randall Creek Recreation Area will also remain open into the fall.

Regional Campgrounds Extend
Camping Season For Fall Visitors

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Missouri River park enthusiasts can now enjoy an extended fall season thanks to an agreement between several government agencies.

Yankton's Chief White Crane Recreation Area, along with Randall Creek Recreation Area near Pickstown and Oahe Downstream Recreation Area near Fort Pierre, have instituted a tapered use period for guests.

In previous years, portions of these three parks would close as early as Oct. 1. However, a recently updated agreement between South

Dakota Game, Fish and Parks; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers narrowed the closure period to Nov. 15 through the last Friday in March.

This decision was based on a re-evaluation of park use this past summer.

"What they found is that there is an increase trend in fall camping and outdoor recreation at these specific parks during that time," Lewis & Clark assistant park manager Tonna Hartman told the *Press & Dakotan*.

"These parks are very popular and I think folks will be thrilled to have some extra time to spend in them this fall," said Southeast Region

Park Supervisor Jeff VanMeeteren in a press release.

The basis for closing these areas early was due to the known roosting sites for bald eagles. Bald eagles will abandon their roosts if disturbed by humans. For this reason, the Department of Game, Fish and Parks prohibits motorized traffic in state recreation areas with winter bald eagle roosts.

But park employees don't expect this increased fall season to negatively impact the bald eagles in their regular nesting spots below the

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Drug Take-Back Day Saturday

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Keeping unneeded drugs and medications around can lead to potential problems of misuse or abuse.

This is why the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in partnership with the Yankton Police Department, is participating in the 10th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Sept. 26. Unused pills, drugs and medications can be dropped off at the Yankton Police Department (YPD)

at 410 Walnut St. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It is a free, anonymous service with no questions asked.

The Drug Take-Back Day is an initiative meant to address a public safety and health issue of the dangers of keeping unused medications. There is a high rate of prescription drug abuse in the country, with most of the drugs being obtained by family and friends. It is hoped that the Drug Take-Back Day will encourage people

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