

Re-use loans approved for Pawnee City businesses

(KLZA)--The Pawnee City Council approved two resolutions during their October 22 meeting to help with the purchase and expansion of a pair of Pawnee City businesses.

The Council approved a \$150-thousand Community Development Block Grant Re-Use Loan for Jamie Graham and Steven Messing to purchase the Little Brown Jug, the inventory and establish a convenience store with expanded food service.

The second CDBG Re-Use loan in an amount of \$125-thousand was approved for Richard Palmer to purchase the Pawnee Inn and Cafe. The funds will also help Palmer provide lodging opportunities and extend the dining options at the business.

The money comes from the Revolving Loan Fund that has been utilized for projects since the mid-1980's. The original funds were from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

City Clerk Tammy Curtis reported that progress is being made on the Kobza Building project in downtown Pawnee City which is to become a community meeting room. The Southeast Nebraska Development District is currently preparing a request for qualifications to hire an architect for the building improvement project.

Council members also approved adding 10th Street from F to G Street to the Street overlay project at a cost of just over \$103-thousand. The funds are from the contingency money left for the street improvement project.

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