

Humboldt Council Deals with Nuisance Properties

The City of Humboldt is preparing to take legal action against owners of nuisance properties in town. The City Council met Tuesday with Building Inspector Dennis Mitchell and City Attorney Vic Faesser about the city's next step to try and clear up the nuisance properties.

Mitchell told the council he would retake photographs of properties whose owners were sent notices. Final notices will then be sent to those property owners. Humboldt will then proceed with legal action against those who haven't taken steps to bring their properties into compliance with city codes.

In other business, Fire Chief Rex Kappel met with the council to discuss the purchase of a fire truck for the Humboldt Volunteer Fire Department. The City of Humboldt will contribute 40-percent of the purchase price for the new truck, with the Rural Fire District picking up 60-percent of the cost. Kappel said the new fire truck would cost, at most, \$150,000, though he said the price probably wouldn't be that much.

The Humboldt Council approved an amendment to a contract with the Nebraska Energy Office. Humboldt received a grant that provided funds to replace 18 windows at the Auditorium. The amendment seeks additional grant funds to replace all 47 windows at the Auditorium.

Also Tuesday, the Humboldt Council approved several requests for use of city property. Council gave permission to Brian Mellage to use the ball field for a lawn mower demonstration on April 21st. Permission was given to Humboldt Girls' Softball to use the City Square for a truck show on June 23rd, and to use Rose Street north of the batting cage for a Bohemian Tractor Pull on July 4th.

And the council gave permission for Chris Horner to build a shelter for ducks and geese at the Lake Park.