

Pawnee City seeking reimbursement from pool company

(KLZA)-- The Pawnee City Council discussed possible action that could be necessary to take due to what was described as overall poor work performance on the Pawnee City Swimming Pool by Premier Pools and Spa's when they met last week.

Council member Susan Eisenhouser reported she had visited with City Attorney Emily Sisco about the situation. A letter was sent to the company and to Prochaska Associates, the project engineers, in hopes of getting a response on what the company intends to do about the issues so the City would not have to take them to court seeking damages. As of the May 12th meeting there had been no response.

Eisenhauer intends to contact the Better Business Bureau about the company.

While part of the work was fine, there are parts of the job such as cold joints rising up that failed and flaking of the EcoFinish. The city paid Premier Pools and Spas approximately \$164-thousand for the pool project. The pool was not opened in 2020, in part due to COVID-19 restrictions but also due to the flaking of the finish.

If the issue does to go court, the City will seek reimbursement for attorney's fees in addition to restitution.

Eisenhauer also reported the City is having trouble getting kids to apply for the lifeguard positions at the pool this year.

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