

4-plex concession stand may be expanded

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More room to maneuver?

That is likely to please volunteers who work the concession stand at the city softball and baseball four-plex.

City councilman Jeff Whiting, who is also president of the Gothenburg Angels Softball Association, has asked the Goth

enburg City Council to look into renovating the concession stand.

At the council's Oct. 30, city administrator Bruce Clymer showed a sketch of ideas that include an addition, storage space and covered patio areas to deflect the hot summer sun.

Cressy Daharsh, who is in charge of Angel softball concessions, told the council that a larger stand is needed.

Only about two people can fit in the concession-serving area which becomes quite hot during the summer, she said.

The renovation would include a larger serving area and two storage areas for equipment that belongs to the city and school.

Currently, officials said equipment is stored in the bathroom areas of the concession stand.

This year, \$25,000 has been budgeted for four-plex renovations. Clymer said those funds have also been discussed for the rehabilitation of Lake Helen.

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Whiting asked and was told that \$42,000 in KENO funds could also be used for concession stand project.

When asked if the Angels organization could help with funds, Whiting said what they earn by selling concessions helps buy uniforms for four different age groups of players.

Although the Angels operate concessions, Clymer noted that other organizations that use the four-plex might ask to operate the concession stand.

“I’d hate to see the Angels put money into it and then bid it (concessions out),” he said.

The council discussed hiring an architect to draw up plans which Clymer said could cost \$2,000 to \$3,000.

He offered to discuss a preliminary plan with the city’s engineer—Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers of Kearney—which the council accepted.

In other business, the council:

decided to request bids for a new bucket truck with the trade-in of an old bucket truck and without trade in of the truck.

Clymer said the city crew wants to keep the old truck for trimming trees.

approved a change order of \$533 to Paulsen Inc. of Cozad for Fourth Street improvements and a final pay request of \$36,765. Members also accepted a certificate of substantial completion for

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the project.

okayed the blocking off of half of Lake Avenue, between Ninth and 10th Streets for the annual Holiday Magic event by the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Dec. 6.

tabled a municipal electric interests group agreement and resolution.

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