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In the action item portion of the meeting, commissioners accepted the low bid of \$39,870 from Midlands Contractors, Inc. of Kearney, Nebraska, for the construction of a sanitary sewer main extension on Kansas Street.

In its bid proposal, Midlands stated that the project would begin on May 26, 2025, and be completed by June 16, 2025.

Upon the recommendation of city staff, commissioners approved signing an extension with Midwest Public Risk (MPR) for the city's property and liability coverage for 2025-26. The city has used MPR since 2013.

Commissioners then approved Resolution 2025-2202 which adopts the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Every five years, the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan in this region must be approved by the Kansas Department of Emergency Management. A final step in this approval process is for the governing bodies of organizations included in the plan to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adoption of this plan provides the city access to hazard mitigation grant funds at the time it becomes available. For example, an outdoor tornado siren is needed in the North Development, which is located in the city limits. Hazard mitigation grant funding could be used to purchase this siren.

In further action, commissioners approved Resolution 2025-2203 that set the date of Wednesday, July 2, 2025, for a public hearing on the condemnation of the structure at 425 West Ninth Street.

Commissioners then authorized City Manager Amy Lange to sign a contract with David Sprague to have another trailer house at 1915 Broadway Street entered into the city's demo program.

Under the Demolition Reimbursement Program, the city does not solicit sealed bids. The owner is required to bring in two bids from two different contractors. The city pays a reimbursement based on the lowest of the two bids. Dalton Dirt Works was the low bid at \$7000. The city pays fifty percent of that cost - \$3500 - from the demo program's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund.

Sprague is developing the property into a travel trailer park.

In their next action item of the evening, commissioners reappointed James Reynolds and Luke Hood to three-year terms on the Board of Building Trades. Their terms will expire in May of 2028.

Completing a process that was discussed over several previous commission meetings, commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance 2025-3235 which updates the city's vending code.

Among the changes are increasing the penalty for a license violation to \$500 for a first offense, and \$1000 for a second offense.

The revised ordinance also added "private proper-

Family Care Center offering free sports physicals

The Family Care Center is once again making it easier for families to prepare for the upcoming school year by offering free sports physicals at its clinic locations in Jamestown, Clyde, and Concordia from June 16 through August 22, 2025.

These physicals are available by appointment only and can be scheduled by calling 785-243-4272.

To add convenience for families, the sports physicals can also be completed during the same visit as a well-child check or Kan Be Healthy appointment, ensuring students meet school and activity requirements while also receiving a comprehensive health review.

“Providing free sports physicals is one way we support the health and wellness of our area youth,” said Dave Garnas, NCKMC administrator. “We want to help families get everything taken care of before the busy back-to-school season hits.”

Appointments are required. Families are encouraged to call early to secure a spot before the August 22 deadline.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Family Care Center at 785-243-4272.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, June 4, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

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ty" to its language in 11-501(a): "Vendor" means any person engaged in the selling, or offering for sale, of food, beverages or merchandise on the public streets, alleys, or sidewalks in a commercially zoned area, or on private property, from a stand or motor vehicle or from his/her person.'

Commissioners then unanimously approved paying Hood Heating Air Plumbing & Electric for humidity sensors at a cost of \$13,300, and for two new drives for the air handlers at a cost of \$4,250, for the Brown Grand Theatre. The city's CIP fund will pay for the work.

Repairs and replacement of several segments of boiler piping at the Brown Grand Theatre have occurred during the past two years. The steam boiler and immediate connection pipes were replaced during a renovation, but the remainder of boiler piping is believed to be original to the building, c. 1907.

Additional testing was done on the boiler pipes and no leaks were found. The installation of humidity sensors / alarm system in the crawlspace of the boiler piping would alert staff that a leak exists at an approximate location, leading to more timely repair.

The two new drives for the air handlers allow for a smoother and quieter startup. These new drives would also allow speed adjustments based on heating or air conditioning loads.

The project does not modify any ductwork, so it does

not address airflow to the stage itself. Not does it guarantee the boiler pipes will not leak in the future.

In its final action of the evening, commissioners authorized Mayor Jackson to sign an exchange of federal funds in the amount of \$72,156.02 and to apply for the reimbursement of \$64,940.42.

The Federal Fund Exchange program would allow the city to receive 90 percent of the funds to be exchanged. Exchanging these funds would allow the city to be more flexible in the way it uses the funds. The city could use the exchanged funds toward a variety of projects that the federal-aid program would not allow, including roadway construction, pavement preservation including overlay, mill/overlay, and chip and seal. It could also use the funds for safety improvements, including signage, traffic signals, the installation or upgrade of guardrails, the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, ADA ramps, or pedestrian signals; the replacement of deteriorated curb and gutter; and storm sewer repairs.

Commissioners then met in a third executive session with Lange, Ferrell, and Chase Larson for 15 minutes to discuss confidential business data. No action was taken.

Commissioners then met in a fourth executive session with Lange to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken.

With no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Looking Back

75 Years Ago—1950

At commencement exercises, graduating seniors of Concordia high school were told by Dr. Orlo Chogull, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Topeka, that they were at a crossroad to become either an additional part of the world's problem or a part of the world's problem solution... Pat Lenke was awarded a medal at the final high school assembly of the year for winning the girls golf tourney at the Concordia links with a score of 26 for four holes. Also competing were Donna Woods, Ann Hanson, and Charlotte Huncovsky... the first twins of the year born at St. Joseph hospital arrived May 23 and were twin girls, born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hanson, Clyde, and had been named Carolyn and Marilyn... winners of awards in seventh and eighth grade scholarship tests in Concordia were Valerie Nanninga, Darlene Jewett, Earl Guiot, Carl White and Jimmy Walker... May seemed to be shooting for a record rainfall, because as of May 26, rainfall so far during the month had totaled 9.23 inches, the most moisture in any May since 1903 when 13.15 was received during May... “The Prince of Peace,” advertised as the greatest story ever told, was a picture that everyone should see, according to C. P. Rogers, manager of the Brown Grand theater... Larry Herman, Allen Householter, Teddy Peters, Richard Wagner and Donald Lysell were inducted into Cub Scout Pack 31... the public was invited to a program of events as Concordia B. P. O. Elks Lodge observed its golden anniversary. Charter officers were Herbert W. Burns, tiler; Hilary Wentz, chaplain; Charles H. Kutz, secretary; Woodson Sewell, inner guard; James Foster, esteemed lecturing knight; Cecil H. Rice, esteemed leading knight; A. L. Goodreau, exalted ruler; Ben Meadows, loyal knight; and Austin Huscher, esquire... Mrs. Orval Locke and Marjetta Chilcott, employees at Locke’s Drug Store, were in Wichita attending Elizabeth Arden’s School... Humes Motor Company was advertising the Studebaker Champion, 6-pass., 2-door custom sedan, \$1557.09...

60 Years Ago—1965

Machinery at the Ski-Bee Distributing company and the Ski-Bee Portion Pac plant, Concordia's newest industry, located on North Washington Street, started turning officially... Bernard Marcotte was valedictorian at Notre Dame high school and Sheryl Fleming was salutatorian... Allan Seifert, a graduate from Kansas City School of Watchmaking, was employed at the Nault Jewelry store... Mrs. Tom Richard and son, Thomas Leon, were honored at a layette shower, given by Mrs. A. I. Reeves, Mrs. Larry Campbell and Mrs. Don Istas... lucky Bob Nordquist, employee of the Downtown Phillips “66” service station, received \$50 from the oil company’s “Mystery Man,” and a few days later he served the Gates company salesman and received a billfold containing a silver dollar bill. Rick Breault, manager of the station, received a silver pocket knife for having a complete line of the company’s auto belts... Mrs. Dean Townsdin won a five-minute shopping spree at Paul’s ThriftWay supermarket in a soft drink contest, and in the allotted time she netted armloads of the best steaks, three hams, several pounds of coffee and detergent... ... Boogaart’s sponsored a School’s Out Show at the Brown Grand Theatre where kids up to age 15 could see “Wizard of Bagdad,” plus a cartoon, for free...

50 Years Ago—1975

Wayne Fowler Jr. of Concordia was one of 12 graduating seniors at Kansas University with majors in the Division of Biological Sciences who was honored

for his outstanding undergraduate research... 1975 Cloud County Community College honor graduates included Pamela Johnson, Ivy Kay Birdsall, Victoria Sulanka, Christine Reimer, Carol Lagemann, Lea Ann Wiltse, Denise Folkerts, Mike Fuller, Glenda Jo Lowdermilk, all of Concordia; Mary Anne Hart, Kirk Gray, Jamestown...Pastor and Mrs. David Campbell were the new youth pastors at Concordia Wesleyan church... John Geisler, Ron Brooks and Willie Geisler caught a 30-pound flathead in the Republican River... Bill Garlow was elected president of the junior class at Mid-America Nazarene college in Olathe... flower displays from the ikebana class at Cloud County Community College were featured in a display at the Cloud County Bank... Cloud County ASCS employees receiving length of service awards were Janice Cyr, 20 years; Anita Nelson, 15 years; Wilfred Thoman and Vincent Link, 10 years...

25 Years Ago—2000

Recent dry conditions and low streamflow in the Republican River caused a temporary shutdown of junior wells in the area by the State of Kansas Water Office... having started in the laundry facility in 1972, Anna Chapin was honored with a cake and a rose bush for her yard after retiring from Sunset Home... Scott and Dawn Seifert, Clyde, announced the birth of their daughter, Abbie Pearl... Jade Kerr, who received a bachelor’s degree in telecommunications management from DeVry Institute of Technology in February, had accepted a position with H.L.Yoh, a contracting firm located in Overland Park... Kyle Krier and Spencer Farha, who each hit better than .400, were named co-recipients of the Concordia High School Outstanding Senior Baseball Player Award... at the American Legion Department Convention in Great Bend, Richard Blackwell, Aurora, was installed as the new commander of the 6th District... representing Concordia at the state track meet were Destiny Breault, Tary Robbins, Amy Anderson, Natalie Wellendorf, Maria Letourneau, Jill Williams, Andy Lewis, Katie Baldwin, Lorissa Wright, Ken Keil, Dustin Ringer, Garrett Farha, John Christensen, Greg Smith, Josh Williams, John Hake, Russell Herman, Beau Ringer and Matt Bartz...

10 Years Ago—2015

Sister Marcia Allen, president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, had an audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican... the C. Carl Cunningham Rotary Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships to CHS seniors Zoe Walsh and Isaac Sprague...the Concordia High School girls track team won seven events on its way to capturing the North Central Kansas League title... Elma Trost celebrated her 99th birthday... CHS sophomore Brennen Acree earned his second straight trip to state in golf...

5 Years Ago—2020

The Brown Grand Theatre was selling rows of the 94-year-old seats to raise money for the “Seating the Next Generation” campaign... Izaiah Grogan, senior at Kansas Wesleyan University, was named the recipient of the Campbell/Hurd Emergency Management Award, honoring him for his multiple leadership roles in the Cadet Corps, the group of top emergency management and criminal justice students... Kassidy Leiszler, the first Concordia High School female wrestler to place in the Kansas High School Girls Wrestling State Championships, had signed to wrestle at Baker University... Darrel and Margo Hosie, Concordia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29...

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