

City Council

FROM FRONT PAGE

“I’m trying to think what we could need,” Thompson added. A new vacuum truck was one suggestion. The city also operates an aging truck fleet.

The fourth item under public comments was a request from Mainstreet Memories for the city to reimburse the organization \$1832 for port-a-potties used during the recently concluded Old Soldiers & Sailors Reunion, which was approved.

“I thought we had more people Friday night,” Buntin explained. “They showed earlier (than normal) and stayed later.” Council member Steve Maher agreed, adding “The fireworks were the best (he’d) ever seen.”

The first item under public comment was Malerie Ramirez to discuss Chief of Police Brett Ross. Rameriz was unable to attend the meeting.

ERIE POLICE

Ross shared an email he received from the Moran Police Department in regards to a 2014 Chevy Tahoe they have retired. The City of Moran is accepting sealed bids for the vehicle.

The vehicle has just under 116,000 miles and has no warranty. Thompson made a motion to allow Ross to make a bid on the vehicle, which was seconded by Cindy Friedrich, and approved unanimously.

For the two-week period from July 10-24, the Erie Police Department received the following calls: 2 911 hangups, 6 animal control, 1 criminal damage, 2 disturbances, and 2 accidents.

Five of those calls were “after hours,” and all five were handled by the Erie PD. They included:

- A welfare check July 17 in the 500 block of South Lincoln;
- An animal control call July 17 at 4th and Webster;
- A welfare check July 21 in the 400 block of North Massachusetts;
- A civil issue July 21 in the 400 block of North Massachusetts; and
- An accident July 21 in the 200 block of South Lincoln.

The department also handled four ATV/golf cart tags, one dog tag and 20 VINs.

The council also received an update on code enforcement and zoning administration.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT

The bulk of the City Super-

intendent Report focused on water meters. The city purchased the software to electronically read both electric and water meters. While nearly every electric meter has been upgraded, the same cannot be said about water meters.

“If we are paying for the system, we need to be using it,” Ford said.

The council agreed to purchase 100 (water meter) lids up to \$1000 for the program.

CITY CLERK

The council returned to executive session for non-elected personnel to begin the City Clerk (Tena Wright) portion of the meeting. After 25 minutes behind closed doors, the council approved the following:

- A \$1 an hour raise for Corey Sexton, accounts payable; and
- Transitioned Morgan De-

Meritt to her previous position as police department secretary at her previous pay. DeMeritt has been assisting with the utility billing for the past three months.

Discussion then turned on the Erie Market building and possibly options for the city. One suggestion was using it to construct a community recreation center.

When an anonymous donor stepped up to assist the city with its monthly payment of the loan after the store closed, one element of that agreement was the donor would have “input” on future plans of the building.

“I say put it up for sale and see what happens and they can do what they want with it,” said Moses.

Buntin agreed.

“I think it is time to put it on the market,” he said.

Wright raised a concern with food trucks serving in the city limits.

“It has come to my attention that we have a couple of (food) vendors come over,” she began.

She asked if they needed permits from the city.

“I do not want to step on anybody’s toes,” she added.

She also inquired about the “red door delinquent tags.”

“It’s part of the process,” Thompson replied.

In the final action of the meeting, the council approved a resolution which changed the zoning at the request of Dean Kane, who plans to install a recreational vehicle park at 611 S. Lincoln.

State cases of illness causing explosive diarrhea jump to 289

By MORGAN CHILSON
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TOPEKA — Kansas cases of an infection that causes gastrointestinal illness increased to 289 over the past week, and the state’s health agency said they are connected to a national outbreak.

The state’s cyclosporiasis cases are part of more than 7,400 cases reported nationally and are linked to Taylor Farms de Mexico iceberg lettuce, which was voluntarily recalled from restaurants and grocery stores on Friday, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said in a news release Wednesday.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s website reported the agency is aware of more than 7,400 cases nationally, with 4,173 confirmed cases. There have been 308 hospitalizations from the outbreak and no deaths.

KDHE reported that of the state’s total cases of cyclosporiasis, an infection caused by the organism Cyclospora cayetanensis, 114 were domestically acquired, 24 were likely linked to international travel and six could not be classified. The remainder are pending classification.

Taylor Farms de Mexico voluntarily recalled all iceberg lettuce sourced from central

Mexico from the U.S. market, which includes Marketside-brand products sold at Walmart:

- Marketside 12-oz and 24-oz Iceberg Salad with Best if Used By dates of July 18 to Aug. 3.
- Marketside 8-oz and 16-oz Shredded Lettuce with Best if Used By dates of July 18 to Aug. 3.
- Other Taylor Farms lettuce products are sold for food service, KDHE said.

The parasite Cyclospora cayetanensis is commonly found in tropical or subtropical countries and spread by food or water contaminated with feces, KDHE said.

Cyclosporiasis isn’t known to spread from person to person, KDHE said. Symptoms occur two to 14 days after exposure and may include:

- Frequent watery diarrhea.
- Loss of appetite.
- Weight loss.
- Abdominal cramps and bloating.
- Nausea.
- Less common symptoms include vomiting and low-grade fever.

KDHE said anyone experiencing sudden gastrointestinal illness should be evaluated by a health care provider. The disease is usually treated with an antibiotic, the agency said.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

07/20 Incident report; 15110 East St., Earlton.

07/21 Vehicle tow report; Harper Rd. .1 mile south from K39 Hwy., Chanute.

07/22 Car/deer accident report; Lyon Rd. .5 mile south from 230th Rd., Chanute.

07/22 Two vehicle non-injury accident report; Jackson Rd. .4 mile north from 160th Rd., Chanute.

07/22 Agency assist; 2522 W. 21st, Chanute.

07/23 Structure fire report; 20205 70th Rd., St. Paul.

07/24 Incident report; 19950 U59 Hwy., Erie.

07/24 Single vehicle injury accident report; 19950 U59

Hwy., Erie.

07/24 Traffic stop; K47 Hwy. and 1st, St. Paul. Cited the driver, Bradyn Smith, 18, Franklin, for speeding and no proof of insurance.

07/25 Incident report; 1500 W. Main Apt. 216, Chanute.

07/25 Incident report; 22515 K39 Hwy., Stark.

07/25 Car/deer accident report; K39 Hwy. .5 mile east from Anderson Rd., Chanute.

07/26 Warrant arrest; 1404 S. Evergreen, Chanute. Arrested Timothy Greve, 22, Chanute, on a Wilson County warrant.

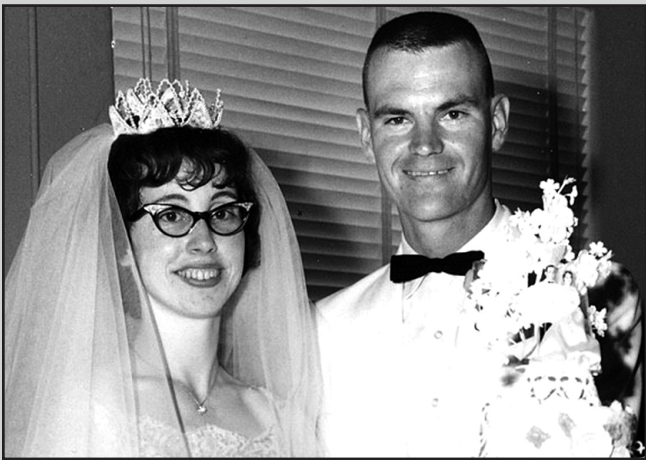
07/26 Car/deer accident report; U169 Hwy. .1 mile north from 70th Rd., Thayer.

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Jim and Lois Carlson are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Sunflower Building at the Neosho County Fair Grounds, 600 W. Canville St., Erie, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please help them mark this splendid occasion by joining for some afternoon refreshments. No gifts please, just your presence.



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