

Goddard breezes through short city council agendas

By Nancy D. Borst
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GODDARD – The Goddard City Council has met twice in the past 10 days and both meetings featured short agendas. Monday’s meeting included a presentation from the Prairie Travelers, the group that maintains the Prairie Sunset Trail. The Travelers thanked the city for all its support over the years, in helping to make the trail a reality and presented a plaque to the city. The council also got an update on an upcoming

CERT training course in the city that will be led by Sedgwick County Emergency Management. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. The program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. The training event in Goddard will be held June 19-21 at the Goddard USD 265 Conference Center, 315 S. Main and is free to anyone wanting to participate. The class will be hands-on and will conclude with a live exercise. A link to

registration is posted on the city’s Facebook page. Register by June 15. Thirty-eight have registered but only six of those are from Goddard. In other business, the council: • Accepted the low bid of \$754,342.96 from Kansas Paving for paving in Rachel Brooke Estates. • Approved an agreement to purchase a parking easement to alleviate overcrowded parking conditions behind City Hall. The agreement with the local property owner will allow the city to create an estimated nine

additional angled parking spaces. The cost of the easement is \$3,000 and the city also will pay all costs associated with the project. • Conducted a public hearing about a proposed Community Improvement District for an electric system in the Rachel Brooke Estates subdivision. After receiving no input from the public, the council adopted an ordinance establishing the CID and authorizing the project, financing and special assessments. At its May 26 meeting, the council approved a bid

of no more than \$66,044 from Garver for inspection services at the Evans Building Company project at the intersection of US-54 and 183rd Street West. The council also voted to pay in full the special assessments on the Eberly Trails property the city purchased for the future site of a water well. The specials total \$31,238.92. In other business, the council: • Approved a change to subdivision regulations to allow a one-step final plat process for developments of fewer than 10 acres with fewer than 10 lots.

• Approved an ordinance updating city code to better reflect: the existing city council/manager form of government, which includes a title change from “city administrator” to “city manager;” the city manager’s authority regarding officers and employees; and the commencement of council terms. • Approved an agreement with Kansas Gas Service to extend natural gas service to the new public works facility and future police station. This extension will be built at no cost to the city.

Conway Springs City Council hears updates on streets

By Paul Rhodes
TSnews

CONWAY SPRINGS – The big list of street projects in Conway Springs is well underway, and city officials are receiving regular updates on how things are going. At their meeting last week, members of the City Council got updates from Darin Neufeld with EBH, the engineering firm handling the work, on three of those projects: East Spring Street, the grocery store drive entrance, and now the gas company is starting its work on Parallel and West Spring Street. The progression on all of this street work is a big deal for the city of Conway Springs. More than a couple of years has gone into planning for, and execution of, this work. At the heart of the street work was a new sales tax for the city, with the proceeds going to tackling an extensive list of street projects in the city. Grant funds also have helped make the street projects a reality. One of the biggest of the projects is Parallel Street, which is now getting started. The city council will be kept posted by EBH as that project gets rolling. In other business at last week’s meeting:

• Mayor Lori Gerber presented 2026 reappointments. The list was approved, with a change on the Land Bank members. • Resolution 26-01 was presented, dealing with commemorative markers requested for placement on city-owned properties. It was approved 4-1 with council member Caitlin Swaney opposed. • The city clerk discussed a cemetery request for special burial placement that was approved unanimously. • Gerber discussed poles at the end of Spring Street by Central Park so banners can be put up throughout the year. She discussed the project with maintenance staff, and they can install them and get materials. Council unanimously agreed to the installation of poles. • Sarah Mercer discussed updates with Sumner County Economic Development and its recent meeting. • Gerber discussed the private drive located on Cranmer and 8th Street; Springview Manor and a public safety meeting to discuss emergency preparedness; and cancellation of the June 9 council meeting for Biking Across Kansas that will be in the community that night. • Mercer motioned to have a special meeting for approval of a common consumption special event resolution on Thursday May 28 at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall. It was approved.

Community wide clean-up is Saturday in Haysville

HAYSVILLE – The annual citywide clean-up in Haysville will take place this Saturday. It is a free event for people living within the city limits, and will run from 8 a.m. to noon. Items accepted include furniture, tree limbs, leaves, construction debris, lumber, grass clippings, pallets, concrete, siding and metal. Items that won’t be accepted include tires, batteries, mattresses, shingles, household trash, cardboard, household hazardous waste, refrigerators and freezers, and TVs and computers. Public works staff will be present to help unload. Items should be separated by type, as they will need to be unloaded in different areas. Haysville Public Works is located at 401 S. Jane.



The newest Jump Start location opened in Cheney on May 22. Travis Mounts/TSnews

Jump Start opens new store in Cheney

By Travis Mounts
TSnews

CHENEY – Wichita-based convenience store chain Jump Start added to its growing portfolio of Kansas stores when it opened in Cheney on Friday, May 22. A company employee said the Cheney location brings the company’s number of stores to 40, and it expects to be at 50 stores before the end of this year. The work to get the store ready to open took less than a month. Customers will find the interior very familiar. New gas pumps were installed, and other exterior work was done to brand the store for Jump Start. Other locations in the TSnews coverage area include Haysville and Clearwater. Many

of the company’s locations are in and around the Wichita area, although the company does have central Kansas locations and is working to grow in western Kansas, too.

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ON SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on JUNE 26th, 2026, the Planning Commission of the City of Conway Springs, Kansas, will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 208 W. Spring Ave., Conway Springs, Kansas, to consider the following application:

Case No. 2026-01: An application submitted by Monica Willson of Conway Springs, Kansas, pursuant to Article XXVIII, Section 8 of the Conway Springs Zoning Regulations, requesting approval of a special use permit to allow the continued use of a manufactured home on property zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential District). The applicant proposes to replace the existing, legally nonconforming manufactured home (grandfathered under prior regulations) with a newer manufactured home.

Legal Description:
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Lot Depth: 140.0
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General Location: 116 S. 5th Street.
All interested persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent or attorney to be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the case, the Planning Commission may close the public hearing and take action on the request. The hearing may be recessed and continued without further notice.

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