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City of Greensburg tables alcohol sales on Sunday request; conversates about mosquito spraying

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The Greensburg City Council met April 20, 2026 at City Hall with Mayor Matt Christenson calling the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Dave Vernon’s invocation, roll call took place with the following present: David Vernon, Nathan Charlton, Wayne Keeton, Jason West and Mark Trummel. Administrator Stacy Barnes, Police Chief Dennis Davis, and City Clerk Christy Gibson.

The first item of business was to consider a request from Amber Thronesbery, manager of the Mullinville and Greensburg Quick Pick locations, for approval to sell cereal malt beverages on Sundays. Currently city ordinance does not allow Sunday sales. West was for changing the current ordinance. Charlton

said citizens would make their purchase somewhere and the city might as well get the sales tax. Trummel said that the topic had been addressed before and the answer was no. If the ordinance was changed, it would not be specific to Quick Pick, it would open the door for all businesses to sell on Sundays if they chose to. Vernon said he was against the change. Council consensus was to table the discussion and have staff draft an ordinance for the next meeting, allowing additional time for council to gather feedback from the community on this issue of Sunday alcohol sales in city limits.

An official with KPP, Colton Hansen, updated progress on Greensburg’s PACE Solar project. Hansen said a contractor is currently working on interconnection with the Marion, Kansas, and they would be coming to Greensburg in a couple of weeks. The goal is for the total project to be operational

by the end of the year.

Hansen also updated the council on recent RFP for 4 CAT diesel generators, clarifying that the project will be begin being built out in October 2027. The units were purchased by KPP for \$12 million, adding to KPP’s generation portfolio. The scoring of submitted proposals was reviewed at the recent board meeting. Greensburg was one of three cities who submitted and was awarded one of the units. Per the city’s proposal, Greensburg will be a site for the KPP resource at no cost to the city. Hansen provided an award letter for council’s consideration and signature. Once completed, engineering will begin for the project. Hansen communicated KPP’s focus on affordability, reliability, and innovative solutions.

Keeton motioned to approve the RFP award letter that was offered. Charlton seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

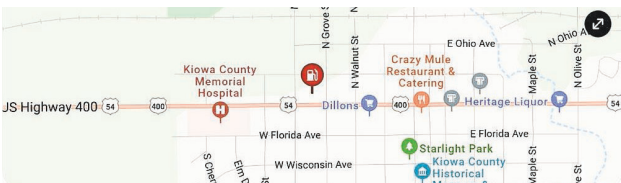
George Jennings, who lives just outside Greensburg

city limits, was on the agenda to speak to the council about mosquito control and sprays used for this purpose.

Jennings provided a handout of his proposal and said he discovered that Greensburg sprayed for mosquitoes back in 2017 or 2018 because of drift in their open windows. Jennings discussed his concerns with the city at that time and had a good response. However, he said he was unable to get a information about the city’s spraying practices because there was not a written plan. He said that there were chemicals that can be used that are less harmful to the environment, specifically to bees, which he has on his property.

His plan also mentioned treating for mosquito larva and educating the public on remediation of habitats that harbor larva.

Christenson and Barnes have both spoken to Jennings. Barnes said city employees go to training for pesticide application yearly and that the sprayer that



The manager of Quick Pick stores in Greensburg and Mullinville has requested permission from the Greensburg City Council to sell cereal malt beverages on Sunday. Council members would like to hear feedback from their constituents. Google graph

is used is calibrated yearly. Spraying is weather dependent and not always is there a lot of notice of when the wind is low enough to begin. Barnes said it was not a big ask to put the city’s current operations on paper.

West asked if spraying is done at night. Barnes confirmed that to be the case and noted that it typically occurs around 10 p.m. after the wind goes down.

Some citizens also commented on the topic with varied concerns from needing more spray in tall grass areas, to health concerns about mosquitos. As Greensburg is considered nationally a “green” city, Sandy Jennings

asked that if cost was not the barrier why something more green for larva could not be used. It was noted that there is not a lot of time for dunks to be effective as the larva quickly become mosquitoes. Barnes said that the city does use mosquito dunks (larvicide) as a preventative in areas prone to standing water.

Kiowa County Commissioner Jill Eller said that she had done some of her own research to educate herself more on the topic. She noted that 17 states do not allow malathion (which the city uses) in their states. She said it is always good for people to educate themselves.



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SC opens new office in Pratt

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Members of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday morning at the new offices of SC (formerly known as SCtelcom), at 216 S. Main for a ribbon cutting ceremony and re-branding celebration during the monthly Chamber Coffee Chat.

“We are all about making stronger connections with Pratt,” said Director of Strategic Relations Shelly Hansel. “Offering residential internet service is just a whole new game for us; real excited about being local here again with you all.”

CEO and General Manager for SC, Carla Shearer, said the company had an office in previous years in Pratt, but closed it due to lack of

retail activity and because SCtelcom was offering services through another company that did not uphold the standards of quality that they wished to be associated with.

“We are back here in Pratt; we are here for the long haul now,” Shearer said. We have a strong presence on Main Street and ongoing construction installing better services, the high quality of connections that people want.”

Shearer said SC was installing high speed fiber mostly on the north-east side of Pratt at this time, East of Main Street and South of US Hwy. 54/ First Street. Businesses and residential homes were (and are) being added on to the new services continually.

Shearer said SC owners/leaders have thought long and hard about their

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Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce board member Jeremy Doggett introduces Shelly Hansel, Director of Strategic Relations for SC at a grand opening of the company's new office in Pratt on Tuesday, at 216 S. Main. Photo by Jennifer Stultz

HUD and USDA announce rescission of building code requirements

Submitted article

WASHINGTON, DC - Secretary Scott Turner and Secretary Brooke Rollins today announced the rescission of a costly Biden Administration-era policy which added at least \$20,000 to the cost of home construction.

A 2024 Final Determination issued under President Biden rendered all new home construction ineligible for an FHA or USDA-backed mortgage loan unless the home was built according to the burdensome and expensive 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – a standard which has only been deployed in a few states.

According to some estimates, enforcing the 2021 IECC as a mandatory nationwide standard would result in an increased home construction cost of between

\$20,000 and \$31,000 – an increase that pushes most new homes out of reach for many first-time homebuyers. This government mandate would also decrease new home production, complicate construction, and lengthen permitting and inspection timelines.

“By rescinding this mandate, we are removing a significant regulatory barrier that added tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a new home,” said Secretary Turner. “The Trump Administration’s focus is to facilitate new housing supply and ensure that every American family has a path to homeownership without being sidelined by bureaucratic red tape.”

“Affordable rural housing is a top priority for the Trump Administration, and

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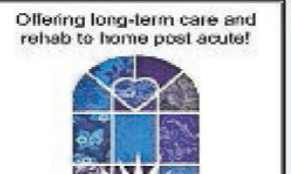
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