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Tonight's City Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. will include amending some ordinances, repeals and costs.

The governing body of the City of Liberal has declared it unlawful to allow to exist conditions which are detrimental to the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Liberal.

Conditions such as lumber, wire, metal, tires, concrete, masonry products, plastic products, supplies, equipment, machinery, auto parts, junk or refuse; Furniture, stoves, refrigerators, television, sinks, bicycles, lawn mowers or other such items of personal property; Nauseous substances, carcasses of dead animals or places where animals are kept in an offensive manner; exteriors of any structure; exteriors of any accessory structure; or fences, walls or retaining walls.



The following properties are in violations of one or more of the stated conditions: 517 N. Pershing Avenue; 530 S. Pennsylvania Avenue; 211 S. New York Avenue; 410 S. Pennsylvania Avenue; 322 S. Calhoun Avenue; 511 Harold Boulevard; and 370 Linn Blvd.

Section 1 of No. 2179, for the abatement of Environmental violations in the City of Liberal, states that 20 days after the passage of this resolution, the Public Officer is hereby authorized to abate the conditions on the above listed properties by removing all items listed above and all other items that the public officer deems necessary to alleviate the conditions which are injurious to the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the City of Liberal.

Section 2 of the resolution states the abatement costs by the City that shall be charged against the lots on which the items are removed.

Next, Resolution No. 2180, abatement of various junk vehicles as nuisances, will be presented by Code Enforcement Officer Larry Mastellar.

This resolution authorizes the removal of motor vehicle nuisances from certain properties in the City of Liberal.

Moreover, Southwest Kansas Coalition entered an Independent Contractor agreement with Pinegar, Smith & Associates, Inc.

SKC, the client, is in need of assistance in the area of government affairs and PS&A, Inc., the consultant, has agreed to perform consulting work for the client in government affairs services and other related activities for the client.

The consultant is to pay a fee of \$30,000 payable in 12 installments.

This agreement would commence Oct 1. and terminate Sept. 30, 2014.

The first reading of ordinance No.4416, establishing a franchise fee with Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, Black Hills Energy, amending ordinance No. 4185 and repealing

ordinance No. 4185, as specified, will be covered.

The Liberal Police Department has been awarded the Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant.

According to Chief of Police Al Sill, these funds are utilized to finance overtime hours during the three enforcement campaigns that are scheduled for this year. The amount is \$3,500 and is now available until Sept. 30, 2014.

According to Building Inspector Kory Krause, the software that the building department uses is currently experiencing major problems.

The Building Department wishes to replace the software, which is reported to repeatedly crash and cause work stoppage, with the help of SMARTGov, an Internet-based program that would require any additional hardware upgrades to run the program.

Krause said, for a four year cost of ownership the total would be \$62,349

The staff of the airport is recommending to approve the airport maintenance building renovation quote received from French Construction in the amount of \$13,565 to be funded from the asphalt millings revenue project.

Staff wants to renovate the middle airport maintenance building bay by increasing the size from 16 'to 20'2" to accommodate the high speed runway broon that is 18' wide, staff said.

This item will be presented by Airport manager Debbie Giskie and industrial Park Director Brad Beer.

Lastly, the Unifirst agreement will be discussed.

The contract will cover the procurement of uniform rental and miscellaneous rental items for the City of Liberal during contract period.