City joins efforts to simplify local election process

Brownfield City Council enjoyed another brief meeting this week, making quick work of an abbreviated agenda.

The council voted unanimously to proceed in creating a joint elections commission with other taxing entities in the county to simplify the elections process locally.

County Clerk Kim Carter is heading up the initiative and invited the council to a joint meeting Oct. 16 to discuss the project with other local elected officials.

Once a committee is set with representatives of each entity, an administrator will be appointed.

Carter also reminded the council that early voting in the November 6 General Election begins Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2 in her office, temporarily located in the American Legion building on the Seagraves Hwy.

In other business, the council voted to approve a $5,000 grant from the HOT Funds to be awarded to the Terry County Museum for replacement of the facility's roof.

The County Commissioners are covering half of the expense of the project and Mayor pro tem Rod Bearden, who chairs the HOT Funds committee, told the council that the expenditure falls within the guidelines set for the monies collected by local hotels and motels to support tourism in the city.

The council also voted to enter into an inter-local agreement with Brownfield ISD for drug dog services.

The drug sniffing canine program is a shared service of the city and schools in an effort to fight illegal substances.

A special events permit also was approved to allow the circus to come to town and use the lot east of the Alamo building.

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and the entire council was present, to include: Cynthia Morin, Tom Hesse, Roxanne Barr, Bearden, Mayor Bob Simpson, Geronimo Gonzales, Jackie Pinson and Brent Besler.

PROGRAM____*from One*

"So I asked the City Manager if the city would be interested in taking over the program and because they were, the program is open to not only businesses that create those kind of jobs, but also retail and commercial," Partlow said.

The city manager said the program was designed to help a wide variety of businesses and property owners with enough regulations to protect the tax payers and make sure the work is done.

"We think this will help foster businesses in our town," he said at the council meeting. "We designed it for business owners and also to help property owners who want to improve their building to help sell it."

Eligible improvements are limited to exterior areas of the property.

Some examples include exterior treatments such as painting, murals, siding, windows, awnings, landscaping, lighting, stucco, brick or stone work.

Structural improvements also are allowed, as are new or improved signage.

No more than 25 percent of the total cost of improvements can be related to the exterior painting of the building.

Third-grader Candyce Guerra selects some new reading material with help from her mother, Kimberly Peralez of Brownfield. Oak Grove Elementary School hosted Muffins with Moms during their Book Fair Thursday morning.

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wishes to express thanks to everyone during our time of sadness and loss.

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We want to thank everyone involved with mother's care at the hospital while she was sick.

The visits, phone calls, flowers, cards, and prayers remind us of how special Mother, Granny, Aunt Ruth and "Ruthie" was to everyone.

Special thanks to my brother John and family for the beautiful service.

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