



The City of Livingston collected food and relief supplies last Saturday for the victims affected by the recent round of tornadoes in Oklahoma. Shown above are several trash bags full of clothes as well as bottled water, toilet paper and paper towels. Mayor Jason Medley said they will ship the supplies out later this week. A lot of the items were donated from the many yard sales held in Livingston the past weekend.

“Brodhead”

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Since last year’s testing, he said the fire department only knew, or were told, about two hydrants that were repaired.

Last Thursday, he said firefighters checked 22 out of the 78 hydrants during their first week of testing and he said some of those hydrants still have the same or similar issues they had last year.

“So far the same hydrants we have tested this year still have not been repaired or are having the same type of issues as they had last year,” Dyehouse said. “The firefighters get discouraged when they go out to do hydrant testing and the hydrants that had problems last year have not been fixed and if they have been fixed no one has told us about it.”

Mayor Walter Cash said the water and sewer department already had a tester from Mueller Fire Hydrant Company check all the city’s fire hydrants.

“We had a man from Mueller check all the fire hydrants and they said nothing was wrong with them,” Mayor Cash said. “They said they were all working and could be used.”

However, Dyehouse said that although the hydrants

work, a few of them spew large amounts of water out of cracks which cause possible harm to firefighters.

“It is unsafe to open a hydrant that has a large crack in it that sprays water because if something happens and that hydrant lets go, those firefighters over or next to the hydrant are in immediate danger as it could possibly become shrapnel,” Dyehouse said. “We are taught as firefighters not to stand over top of a hydrant because if it has a crack in it and something happens to the pressure of the hydrant line then they are standing in the way of danger. All I am trying to do is protect my firefighters.”

Dyehouse went on to say that one of the most hazardous fire areas in Brodhead is on Maple Street where the two hydrants are either out of service or malfunctioning.

“There is a heavy fire load in that area and I just want to make sure that all the hydrants on the street are up to par,” Dyehouse said. “We already needed those hydrants once this year and they are also in a high potential fire area with homes, churches and businesses as well.”

Councilman Larry Taylor agreed with Dyehouse and said that the council and fire department need to be

updated when hydrants are repaired and he also suggested that there be a report required showing which hydrants were repaired.

“A lot of people think that the hydrants are used for a dog to pee on but they are used by firemen who risk their lives voluntarily to put fires out and save lives,” Taylor said. “In turn, we got to keep these hydrants up and do anything else we can do to keep things going and keep things safe for them.”

The council agreed to require a report from the water and sewer department to the City Council and BVFD on what hydrants have been repaired or fixed.

Taylor also made a motion to require an agenda be made prior to the monthly council meetings. He suggested Clerk Becky Bussell type up an agenda and set a date for when the mayor and councilmembers needed to turn in items for the agenda to be discussed at the meeting.

“This is just something we should have already been doing in my opinion,” Taylor said. “This will help us stay better organized in meetings as things not on the agenda won’t be discussed.”

Bussell said as long as the mayor and council members let her know the first Friday of each month that she would have enough time

to type up the agenda before the meeting on the second Monday of each month.

The council agreed unanimously to have an agenda for their monthly council meetings.

During the meeting, councilman Mark Buras also suggested they reevaluate the work schedules of the current sewer/water and city maintenance departments.

“I am not wanting to cause any friction but I finally mowed the grass at the old city park because it was extremely high,” Buras said. “Should we look into hiring another employee or should we try to manage their time a little better?”

Taylor said he was going to mow the old park Saturday morning if Buras didn’t mow it Friday. He also agreed with Buras that something needed to be done in order to maintain and keep everything up in Brodhead.

The council agreed that they would look into managing the sewer/water and city maintenance department employees’ time. However, no motion or vote was taken.

In the final item of business, Taylor made a motion that the council have a closed session meeting for personnel matters immediately following the regular council meeting.

“Pensol”

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Hammond.

The board had met an hour earlier than the scheduled meeting for a budget workshop with finance officer Melanie Lyons.

During the regular meeting, Lyons said that the 2013 fiscal year was the first true financial picture in several years since all stimulus money was gone, and the payment from the state for each student (SEEK funds) had been cut again, the budget had to be reworked drastically to absorb everything those monies had been funding. This necessitated much paring of the budget and, this year’s budget will be over \$2,000,000 less than last year’s.

However, one item of good news for the board was that there will be five school nurses. At one time, because of cutbacks at the local health department, it was thought that these positions would have to be done away with. However, Supt. Pensol told the board that, as a result of negotiations with the health department, the department will fund three nurse positions and the school board will furnish the other two. One will be a current health assistant who will be rolled over into the program and the other nurse’s position will be paid for by the board, at \$26,000 a year. The nurses will adhere to the school’s schedule -- on site from 7:30 to 3:30 and serve all school children. “I really appreciate the health department for making this work for us,” Pensol told the board, “they have bent over backwards.” The board approved the contract for one year with the Cumberland Valley District Health Department.

The Superintendent’s Personnel Actions Report showed two certified hirings -- Loren Reynolds as assistant girls volleyball coach at RCHS and Melissa Neeley as a media specialist/librarian at BES and two classified hirings - Danny Luncford as custodian at RCHS and Jake Woodall as golf coach at RCHS. Resignations included Joshua Martin as boy’s head track

coach and Chris Bishop as head baseball coach. Retirements listed were David Riddle as physical education teacher at RCHS; Darla Reams as physical education teacher at RES; Janet Puzey, Spanish teacher at RCHS and Allen Pensol as District Performance Specialist.

Pensol said that no decision had been made as to replacing Pensol but the position would, most likely, not be filled for the next school year, although the salary was left in the budget. Riddle’s position will not be filled but the physical education position at Roundstone has been posted.

“Livingston”

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with “lots of items collected” by fire department members on Saturday. The collection will be taken to Madison County where an organization will drive them to Oklahoma.

The commission was also reminded that Jane Beshear will be in Livingston for the ceremony designating the town a Trail Head Town and a KET film crew will be in the city on June 13-14 to film a segment for their Health Communities series.

Medley also told the commissioners he would be organizing a bike ride from Livingston to Brodhead, with a stop in Mt. Vernon, when Brodhead officially opens its new park. “I want to connect Livingston to the rest of the county and make sure our Trail Head project is a community thing,” he said.

As one of the last items of business, Medley told the council that he had contacted Justine Prewitt, local contractor, for an estimate on repairing the back wall of the Foster Mullins building. About 1200 sq. ft. of the building will be used for City Hall offices, leaving about 3,800 sq. ft. for other purposes.



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