

Commissioners plan changes to variety of ordinances

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\$100 fee.

Dog adoption fees — \$25 for animals younger than one year and \$20 for dogs older than one year — pay for the shelter's cost of giving vaccinations, including for parvo, said Lampasas City Manager Michael Stoldt, who asked commissioners to agree to the same rates the Lampasas City Council recently approved. Lampasas Animal Shelter personnel are not licensed to administer rabies vaccinations, said Kasey Dressel, shelter supervisor.

County and city officials may discuss creating a spaying and neutering voucher system to reimburse people who adopt animals. Spaying or neutering is required for adopted pets.

In other business, commissioners discussed possibly changing an ordinance that relates to junkyards and automotive wrecking/salvage yards. Along with strengthening enforcement mechanisms in the ordinance, adopted in 1991, the Commissioners Court needs to write more detailed definitions of "repair shops" and "wrecked vehicles," County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse said.

Lea Kenyon, who lives on County Road 3210, told commissioners that a salvage yard and recycling area owned by Charles Drayton does not comply fully with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations.

Drayton said a constable, along with TCEQ and Lampasas County Sheriff's Office officials, have inspected his property and found it to be in compliance.

Drayton asked for notification from the county if his operations do not meet county rules. He and his wife, Carolyn, also urged the court not to create an overly punitive junkyard/salvage yard ordinance.

"If I'm wrong, I'm fine with that," Drayton said. "Give me an opportunity to fix it. Just don't slap me with a \$500 fine right away. That's not fair to me."

Drayton's property is one of many that commissioners are considering as they try to rewrite the county ordinance, Boultinghouse said.

In a related matter, County Auditor Jack Clark said he hopes the county can hire a full-time code enforcement officer. Constable Gordon Nelson has been responsible for code enforcement in addition to

his regular duties.

In another ordinance issue, Mrs. Kenyon asked the Commissioners Court whether a noise ordinance has been drafted. At the court's last meeting in February, Mrs. Kenyon and a few other county residents requested a noise ordinance, as they said loud activities near their homes have been presenting nuisances.

Allison still is working on a suggested noise ordinance, which may be ready for the Commissioners Court to consider at its March 22 meeting, Boultinghouse said.

In addition, the court voted 5-0 to send the developer of Chica Ranch a letter to indicate non-compliance with several subdivision rules and regulations.

Jeff Dewald, owner of Jeff Dewald Construction Inc. of Copperas Cove, has not met county requirements for subdivision maintenance and official approval of county roads within Chica Ranch, Vincent said.

Dewald did not attend the recent meeting. When contacted by telephone on Wednesday, he said he had

not received notification from county officials about complaints related to his development near Copperas Cove.

Also Monday, commissioners voted 5-0 to let representatives of Austin-based Affordable Life & Healthcare Solutions meet with county employees 65 or older to discuss a voluntary Medicare Advantage health insurance plan.

Employees who qualify for Medicare Part A and Part B are eligible for a no-deductible plan offered by Care Improvement Plus, which Affordable Life & Healthcare Solutions represents. The plan gives the same benefit as the county's current plan, Affordable Life & Healthcare Solutions owner Ron Wilson said, and could save the county thousands of dollars per year for each employee who chooses to participate.

The county has eight workers 65 or older and pays \$5,600 per year for each of its employees' premiums, Clark said.

In other business, commissioners accepted from Sheriff David Whitis a 2009 racial profiling report that indicated no profiling complaints against county law enforcement officials.

Animal control fees approved

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implementation of a noise ordinance a few years ago.

Facility use deposits will remain \$75.

During her report to the City Council, Mayor Judy Hetherly said Texas Tech University will offer programs in health services and education at the Lampasas County Higher Education Center. The programs — which will serve professionals in the health and education fields as well as younger students — may begin in the fall semester, the mayor said.

In other business, the council:

- OK'd the purchase from CDW-G of two Panasonic Tough Book Computers for Lampasas Police Department patrol cars. The

\$9,080 expenditure is funded by a grant from the Central Texas Council of Governments.

- authorized the purchase of as much as \$25,000 in fuel to sell at the Lampasas Municipal Airport.

- met a Texas Department of Transportation requirement by approving a resolution for a permit to hold the Spring Ho Grand Parade on July 10.

The parade route will be two blocks shorter than normal this year, as its northernmost point will be First Street. Traffic will be redirected at North Avenue rather than Avenue B, and the detour will not send vehicles to Walnut Street, as in years past. Council will give official approval for a detour route at its March 22 meeting.

- approved an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Coryell and Lampasas Counties for the right of access and use of Gavin Garrett Soccer Park. The council also OK'd a similar agreement with the Lampasas County Youth League Association for the use of Turner Complex baseball and softball fields.

Lampasas will host an area T-ball tournament in July, Tower said. The weeklong contest will bring several teams to Lampasas.

- agreed to let Go Recycle, an Austin company, pick up and recycle unusable city computer equipment. Go Recycle, which also works with the Lampasas Independent School District, will not charge for its pick-up services.

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