

First Ordinance read on water rate increase in the City of Clark

A lengthy September meeting of the Clark City Council featured several significant agenda items, discussion and in some cases, decisions.

Ordinance #552 was given first reading. This ordinance, if passed at the October council meeting will raise water rates: the line fee will go from \$13.00 monthly to \$13.50 and the per 1,000 gallon rate will also go up by 50¢ per 1,000 gallons.

"We don't have an option here," city finance officer Jackie Luttrell told the council. "We need the money." As Luttrell went through the 2019 budget appropriations ordinance earlier in the meeting she noted that the water fund needed the \$16,500 that would be generated by this increase. She also noted that the last time water rates increased was in 2017 when Clark Rural Water Systems increased rates.

The council also approved \$3,900 to replace the door just off the kitchen on the south side of the Ullyot Building. Luttrell advised, or suggested to the council that a door a year should be replaced at the Ul-

lyot Building. She also shared with the council that the community no longer has a Senior Citizens organization.

The door was approved 5-1, with councilman Brian Cook voting no. For this purchase were Andrew Zemlicka, Kerry Kline, Harvey Spieker, Dennis Larson and Belinda Hanson.

Multiple Public Input items were heard Thursday. Terry Binger was first on the list, wanting to add

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WEATHER

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	HI	LO	PR
Sept. 4	80	61	0
Sept. 5	77	58	.02
Sept. 6	70	50	0
Sept. 7	75	51	0
Sept. 8	77	50	0
Sept. 9	75	50	0
Sept. 10	76	60	0
2018 precipitation to date	12.84		
2017 precipitation to date	15.55		



Charters of Freedom Setting is in place at Flat Iron Park

Flat Iron Park's identity has changed. Construction began last Wednesday on the Charters of Freedom setting. On the left are construction assistants of Hovde Excavating and Gravel and Zach Hovde. Clark American Legion and Auxiliary members from left to right are, Willie Gruenwald, Dave Adam, Sharon Larson, Gary Holdal, Rob McGraw, Darin Lewis, Don Ramsey of North Carolina from the Charters of Freedom home office, Les Solberg, Pauline Anderson, Jerry Olson, DuWayne Wallen, Mike McGillivray, Darrell Anderson, Bob Schlueter and Jake Leibke, concrete contractor.

The three Charters of Freedom include the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

"The goal of Foundation Forward, the parent Charters of Freedom company, is to bring these documents to local communities in life size replicas of the Setting in the National Archives. Your Charters of Freedom Setting is in a location central to the community, 24 hour access, with high visibility and easy access for school children," said Ramsey.

The dedication will be on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m.

From School-to-Work at WLHS



The School-to-Work program, a careers internship class is being offered at the Willow Lake School this year. Shown above instructor Cheryl Hovde goes over their work folders with two of her nine students in the class - senior Cecelia Redinger and junior Jonny Efraimson. Offered to juniors and seniors only, class members work in the community gaining real life experience in the work force.

Gaining experience on the job in the community of Willow Lake is what the new class at Willow Lake High School is all about.

"It give the students the opportunity to connect with the real world," stated Cheryl Hovde, instructor of the class.

"The School-to-Work program is designed to give seniors and juniors the opportunity to earn high school credit and gain valuable experience on the job."

The class started with students taking the first steps in acquiring a job - filling out their resumes. Then

came the job application process and the job interview.

Letters were sent out to Willow Lake area businesses this summer informing them of the upcoming class at the school.

The final placement of students at a job is based on the student's application and employer's decision. It is set up so that the students can leave their seventh and eighth hour at the school to go and work at their job. The students and their parents are asked to complete and abide by the student work program agreement.

"Work site evaluations of the student learner's performance will be conducted by the employer and discussed with the student by the employer and school advisor," continued Hovde. "The students have goals to meet and weekly reflections and they have to be accountable. Attendance and behavior come into play - just as they would in a real life job situation.

"The goal is to assess progress towards attainment of established competency and provide support for the student's success."

Some of the jobs that have been attained involve agriculture/ranching, tiling, office administration and working in the grocery business.

Employers are to maintain weekly contact with the program advisor, provide a safe working environment, provide a positive learning/working experience for the student and at the end of the quarter, as well as mid-term, fill out an evaluation form.

The students get hands-on experiences of filling out and maintaining a time card, following the rules, procedures and policies of a business, provide their own transportation and be responsible for balancing work and school.

"We've had something similar in the past, but this class has been restructured so students are held more accountable with goals and weekly reflections," ends Hovde. "Besides connecting with the real world in the work place, it gives the students valuable experience on the job."



Clark High School 2018 Homecoming Royalty are Marshal Travis O'Neill and Queen Janae Kolden. The pair will reign over the remainder of the Homecoming festivities after being crowned Monday evening during the Coronation ceremony. Janae is the daughter of Gary and Betsy Kolden. Travis is the son of Terry and Angela O'Neill.

Photo by Kristin Janisch

O'Neill and Kolden reign over C.H.S. Homecoming

Homecoming at Clark High School is going strong. The festivities began Monday at Coronation with the 2018 royalty being selected. Travis O'Neill and Janae Kolden were named CHS Homecoming Marshal and Queen, respectively. They were crowned by the 2017 roy-

alty, Marshal Mekel Sanchez and Queen Gabby Moes.

Other royalty candidates included Gunner Sanderson, Caleb Orris, Jeffrey Paulson, Grayson Florey, Paige Rahm, Katlyn Maynard, Sydney Fjelland and Taylor Hartley.

During Coronation all classes

and the faculty presented skits to the Homecoming theme - 'Restaurants'.

Following Coronation the students and those attending Coronation went out into the warm night

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Area school numbers show growth for 2018-2019

▲ Schools gain over 50 students from a year ago

It is not news that schools in rural areas have been losing student enrollment numbers for decades, but the downward spiral has leveled off and now stability and even growth is the trend in the Clark County area.

Clark is up 36 students from a year ago; Willow Lake is up 13 students and Henry is down two students from a year ago, due to 12 graduated seniors and eight preschool students. So the stability is a very positive for 2018-19.

Enrollment for the three area schools is at 858 compared to 808 a year ago, 786 two years ago and 798 three years ago and 827 four years ago.

Clark

"Our enrollment numbers are looking very strong," said Clark superintendent Luanne Warren. "We graduated 12 students last year

and brought in 22 kindergarten students. Our fifth grade class also showed nice growth over last year. There also are 37 preschoolers, so it looks like our growth trend will continue.

There are 77 students in Clark High School, up from 64 a year ago. The preschool class is the largest with 37 students followed by the third grade class with 34 students and fifth grade with 29. The average number of students in each grade at Clark, PK-12 is 24. There are 94 students at colony schools compared to 94 a year ago.

"It's nice to see the many new faces in our school family and all of our students are very welcoming to our new comers. It's great to see so many young alumni moving "back home" to raise their family. People are also moving to our district due to the various classes that we of-

fer to our students. This is a huge testament to our staff and student population," said Warren.

Clark	18	17	16	15
Pre-school	37	28	22	25
Kindergarten	22	18	21	32
Grade 1	18	21	34	20
Grade 2	19	31	19	24
Grade 3	34	18	24	17
Grade 4	18	26	17	20
Grade 5	29	17	19	18
Grade 6	19	19	17	23
Grade 7	21	17	22	18
Grade 8	20	24	17	14
Grade 9	26	19	12	17
Grade 10	20	13	19	13
Grade 11	11	20	13	21
Grade 12	20	12	21	29
Hillcrest	27	26	29	27
Fordham	31	26	26	24
Silverlake	41	42	44	49
TOTAL	413	377	376	391

Willow Lake

At Willow Lake, first year superintendent Chris Lee is very excited to get the school year started and very excited about the school enrollment numbers. Willow Lake has 263 students, up from 250 a year ago and up from 227 two years ago. "We are up student-wise all across the board," said Lee, as primary, middle school and high school are all up and it is from open enrollees as well as move-ins.

In preschool through third grade there are 83 students and Lee said that the positive news is that every class has very stable numbers with high school having 63 students, up 10 from a year ago.

The three colony schools in the Willow Lake district have 50 students which is down one.

The school year started the Tuesday after Labor Day with a

new superintendent, Lee and new principal, Shawn De Witt. Lee closed that the school is off to a great start and he emphasized how great it is to have such a great, new infrastructure, including the administrative area, gym, library and three classrooms, which are all a year old. "We have a great staff, great students and I'm very pleased to have been chosen as the leader of Willow Lake School."

Willow Lake	18	17	16	15
Pre-school	16	13	13	13
Kindergarten	13	14	15	19
Grade 1	15	17	20	10
Grade 2	17	22	9	14
Grade 3	22	11	14	13
Grade 4	12	16	12	10
Grade 5	16	14	9	12
Grade 6	15	10	12	14
Grade 7	11	14	14	16
Grade 8	13	15	16	7

Grade 9	15	19	6	12
Grade 10	23	7	14	10
Grade 11	9	14	12	16
Grade 12	16	13	13	17
Shamrock	12	13	12	11
Mayfield	19	16	16	16
Collins	19	22	20	22
TOTAL	263	250	227	232

Henry

Henry has 182 PK-12 students for the 2018-19 school term, which is down two students from last year.

"Things are really, really busy said second year Henry superintendent Philip Schonebaum. Classes started August 15, as classes have started on this Wednesday in August for seven consecutive years.

This is homecoming week at Henry, with the 1:00 p.m. Friday

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