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(Neb.)-Chadron City Council Discusses Stray Cats, Pool Proposal

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(CHADRON)-The big ticket items at the Chadron city council meeting on Monday evening included the discussion of city-owned property on East Niobrara Avenue. The council decided to perform an environmental survey, move forward with a blight survey, and conduct a preliminary plat of the area.

The issue of stray cats was brought before the council by resident Venita Quamme. The council decided to wait until their second meeting in June to make any decisions until they can hear from the committee responsible for drafting up an ordinance regarding the cats.

A proposal that would partner the city of Chadron and Chadron State College in improving and sharing a swimming pool was brought before the council by CSC Administration & Finance Vice President Dale Grant and Chadron resident Terry Owen. The council decided to proceed into an initial phase of determining more information regarding the feasibility of such a co-ventured project.

Mayor Karin Fischer and public works director Milo Rust attended a meeting in Lincoln with other area representatives to discuss the Heartland Expressway. Fischer said she felt it was important to be there to represent our area as plans are being discussed and implemented. "Our presence was noted," she said. "It was commented on, and that's important when decisions are being made for you that they feel someone is actually interested and paying attention and will actually go out of their way to get there."

Fischer says the expressway might bring more traffic and thus more business through the Chadron area, but that mostly it will just help manage the influx of traffic that already exists. "They're seeing a whole lot more truck traffic," said Fischer. "You're seeing a lot of pipes going north. And that will only increase; it will not decrease. We have all the Interstates going east and west. This is an effort to get an Interstate going north and south to facilitate that traffic."

The Nebraska Department of Roads is holding a localized open house public meeting at the Gering Civic Center on Thursday, June 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to further discuss preliminary findings. Fischer says she hopes people from our area will try to attend.

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