

Council passes new flood plain regulations

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Landowners can get federal insurance.

Property owners in the city's floodplain remain eligible for federal insurance.

They can also build structures that accompany a main building.

These things are included in new floodplain management regulations passed by the Gothenburg City Council on March 1.

Council members needed to approve the regulations by May 3 to remain in the federal floodplain program.

Under the law, appurtenant structures, or secondary buildings that accompany a main structure, can be built without a special use permit in floodplains if certain requirements are followed.

Items stored in such structures must also be readily removable during a flood warning.

The council is moving forward with efforts to improve the city's aging sewer system.

Members voted to request proposals from firms to televise sewer mains throughout the city.

Proposals will be accepted at the office of the city's engineer, Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, in Kearney until Friday.

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Last November, the council approved spending \$46,500 to film sewer mains in known problem areas.

The decision was an option included in a plan designed by Miller engineers, commissioned by the council after complaints from residents who have experienced sewage in their basements following heavy rains.

On another matter, the council considered the purchase of a 2005 John Deere Progator for the parks department but wants to view the equipment before a decision is made.

The used, small utility vehicle, available through Van-Wall Equipment Inc. of Omaha, costs \$12,500.

City services director Shane Gruber said the gator will also be used by the street department for painting, patching streets and cleaning storm drains.

In other business, the council:

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