

City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

Fremont Receives \$13,000 Grant for Airport

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of a recent allocation of \$2 billion in funding under the FAA's Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). The ACRGP funding was approved by Congress in late December as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSA). NDOT announced that Nebraska airports will receive \$12,528,712 in grant allocations from the ACRGP. This includes 72 airports throughout the state. Fremont will receive \$13,000 of grant funding.

New Downtown City Parking Lot Signs

After seeking bids to replace the signs in the eleven City parking lots, the Business Improvement District (BID) Board voted to reimburse the City

for the cost of refurbishing the signs—estimated to be around \$200 per sign.

The top picture shown at right is what the signs in each City Parking lot look like. The signs are made of aluminum and overlaid with a vinyl wrap. The second picture is City Street Department employee, Bob Carr, putting the finishing touches on the sign for the Eddy Parking lot located on the corner of 5th & C Street.



The cost of the signs as well as the maintenance costs for the City parking lots downtown are paid from a levy the City assesses against the property owners located inside the downtown business improvement district. A BID Board meets monthly to oversee downtown activities on behalf of the City and forwards recommendations of expenditures to City Council for approval. The annual BID budget, set by City Council, is currently \$47,000. In addition to parking lot maintenance, the BID spends moneys to promote and market downtown events, purchase Christmas decorations, and install flags and decorations on City poles throughout downtown.

City Supports Legislative Bill 542

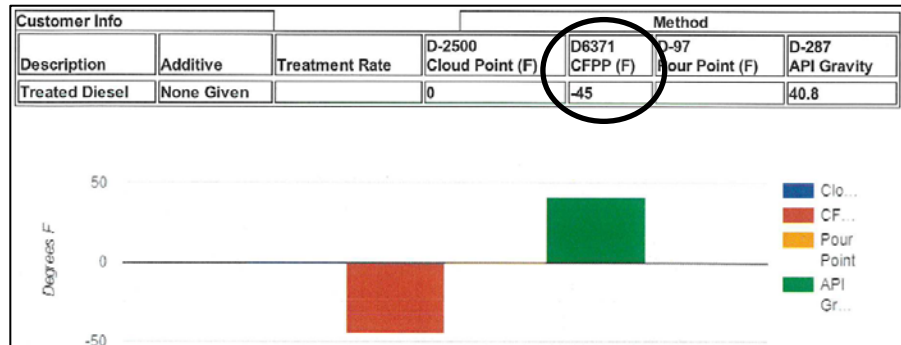
Mayor Spellerberg presented testimony Wednesday before the Revenue Committee in support of LB542 introduced by Fremont Senator, Lynn Walz. The bill would grant the

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Nebraska Department of Transportation the authority to issue tax exempt bonds to finance highway construction projects. Nebraska is one of only two states in the U.S. that do not issue highway construction bonds and instead finance road projects with pay-as-you-go tax receipts. This bill would limit bonding to \$400 million and target 25% of the bond proceeds towards the completion of the expressway systems, like US 275, US 30, and US 77.

Diesel Fuel Treatment Tested

When the arctic polar vortex plunged temperatures to twenty plus degrees below zero in the middle of February, making sure the City's diesel fuel had the proper ratio of treatment is critical. Untreated diesel fuel



will gel and starve the engine from getting fuel. Dean Kavan, the City's Stores Supervisor, is responsible for procuring the City's fuel including making sure diesel fuel is treated before cold weather sets in. One tool he uses, is a fuel report (shown above) that reports the CFPP or cold filter plugging point. The CFPP number is the lowest temperature at which the fuel being tested will flow through a standard 43micron filter. In this case, the diesel fuel he purchased would flow until the temperature reached -45-degrees Fahrenheit (F).

To lower the CFPP level, No. 2 diesel fuel is blended with No. 1 fuel (kerosene). Dean said the -45-degree CFPP, in the report above, was reached by blending No. 2 and No. 1 on a 50/50 ratio.

Heat Exchanger Springs a Leak During Cold Weather

Ever wonder why things seem to break during cold weather? Well, the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is wondering the same thing when a heat exchanger suddenly sprung a leak overnight in February. The picture on the right is the leaking heat exchanger. Keith Kontor, Wastewater Superintendent said the heat exchanger is part of the heating system for the solids processing building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). He said employees arrived that morning to frozen pipes and a leaking heat exchanger. Crews were able to "MacGyver" a fix and get the heat exchanger working well enough to restore heat in the building, but a new heat exchanger will be required. Kontor said the new heat exchanger is ordered, but it will take three to four months to get here. The estimated cost of the new exchanger is around \$10,000.



While we monitor many of the systems at the WWTP, we do not monitor heat in any of the buildings.

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