

## City Council Discusses Transfer Station, Park, Dumpsters For Out-Of-City Limits Placement

The City Council discussed how far to extend the boundary for offering trash receptacles and for emptying them. A business located more than a mile from the City had asked for such service. The current monthly service is \$35 if out of the City limits but in the boundary lines currently in use; in Hart, the cost is \$21.50 per month.

City Hall is to contact residents located near the business to see if they would be interested in the service. It was discussed charging \$45 a month for those out of the current boundary.

Also discussed was the unsightliness of the transfer station on 8th Street and Ave. A. Neighbors have complained about this. It was discussed to possibly purchase a piece of property

to move the station. Bids had been received for a new fence around the station; this was tabled and likely bids will be re-submitted.

Also, Alderman Johnny Carrasco is interested in a park north of City Hall on pasture land. He said that the family is interested in selling the property to the City. A few years back, such a park was discussed. The Council will look at these old plans at a later meeting.

It was decided not to sell a pickup owned by the City, which was on the agenda. Adrian Rosas, Public Utility Superintendent, said that it needs new tires and there is a leak in the power steering, but that it still runs.

Also, the Council decided to continue the seal coating project

in 2016 of seal-coating a few streets each year.

There will be no December meeting.

## EDC Discusses 'Welcome to Hart' Signs

At the Nov. 9 meeting of the Hart Economic Development Corporation, "Welcome to Hart" signs were discussed. It was noted that Raul Gonzales has volunteered to do the labor on constructing and installing the signs. EDC member Stanley Dyer suggested four signs at each entrance to the City, and spend up to \$2,000; he added to do one sign first. The Board agreed to the one sign and will go from there.

President Danny Rodriguez told those present that he will be leaving his position after the

## WBU & WTAMU Sign Engineering Agreement

PLAINVIEW – The School of Mathematics and Sciences at Wayland Baptist University and the School of Engineering at West Texas A&M University recently entered into an official agreement to offer a program that will allow students to earn dual degrees from the universities.

DrMatt Jackson, the associate dean of the WT's School of Engineering, was on hand to explain and discuss the program with interested Wayland students. The program is designed for students to take the core curriculum and math courses at Wayland, then transfer to WT where they will complete an engineering program in order to graduate with a degree in math from Wayland and a degree in engineering from WT.

next meeting.

EDC members present were Vickie Ethridge, Paul Ramirez, Dyer and Rodriguez. Lupe Velasquez and Tony Leibel were absent.

Students will take approximately 71 hours of Wayland courses and 54 hours from WT – approximately the same number of hours it takes to earn a single degree from Wayland.

Jackson, who graduated from Wayland, explained that WT's School of Engineering has approximately 750 students, most of whom are enrolled in the mechanical engineering degree program. Jackson said students may also pursuing civil engineering and environmental engineering – programs that are just a few years old. He also said that the School is planning to begin an electrical engineering program next fall, pending final state approval. The School officials are predicting huge success for the electrical engineering program.

"Employers in our area are desperate for electrical engineers who will stay here and raise their families here," Jackson said.

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