

### Pawnee City Council Approves New Employee Healthcare Plan

(KLZA)-- The Pawnee City Council has approved changes to the healthcare insurance policy for employees and families beginning July 1. The City will stay with United Healthcare to provide coverage.

Five employees and families will be covered with the cost to the City \$4,946.31 per month. The city pays 80-percent of the premium for each employee's plan, including family. The change is in the deductible which will decrease from the current \$1,500 for an individual and \$3,000 for a family to \$500 per person and \$1,000 for a family. Currently the City is paying nearly \$6,100 per month for coverage but there will be a change in the number of employee's insured starting July 1.

The Council also received an update on the city funds during the treasurer's report. City Clerk Tammy Stephens said due to unexpected expenses in the water department, including repairs to wells and extra water sampling due to some bad readings, the water funds are pretty low. Stephens noted that it would not require an increase in water rates, but because of the unforeseen issues, it would be an acceptable reason to amend the budget.

It was also noted during the meeting that cleanup of the Gaston Nuisance Property at 1138 G. Street in Pawnee City has been completed. The total cost, which will be thousands of dollars, is not yet known. The City will now be mowing the property and all of the costs will be assessed against the property.

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