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Along with the USD No. 480 Board of Education school financing request Tuesday evening, the Liberal City Commission meeting also covered the Final Reading of Ordinance No. 4414, the adoption of 2013 Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO).

The STO passed 5-0, and it will go into effect on Saturday.

The Final Reading of Ordinance No. 4415, the adoption of the 2013 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPO), also passed 5-0. UPO will go into effect Saturday.



The Liberal Metropolitan Area Planning Commission reviewed a Replat of Southlawn Gardens Addition, Lots 4, Block 1, of a portion of Southlawn Gardens Addition to the City of Liberal.

The city is the owner of this property and the request for the replat of this property is to allow the City of Liberal Housing Department to use this property for the Self Help Housing Program.

The recommendation of the planners to forward the replat of Southlawn Gardens Addition, lots 1 through 4, block 1, to the city commission for acceptance of the proposed replat passed 5-0.

The Liberal Fire Department presented a bid for a set of extrication equipment (Jaws of Life). The extrication equipment south of the railroad tracks is no longer available due to aging more than 30 years, failure and limitation of repairs.

According to Deputy Chief Skeety Poulton, the Fire Department has had to depend on a single set of equipment and hope that firefighters are not out on another call away from that equipment when the need arises. The Liberal Fire Department plans to replace the out of service equipment this year because their budget allows them to seek such equipment.

Firefighter Braden Steckel contacted two Hurst Dealers from the region to request new bids on a Hurst motor, spreader, cutter, ram and four hoses for a 10,000 psi system and four hoses for their current psi system. The bids are as follows: \$26,106 for the 10,000 psi system, \$2,310 for the 5,000 psi hoses, and no price given for shipping, which is a total of \$28,416 as a bid by Danko.

The other bid is by MES and it would add up to a total of \$25,363, with it being \$22,983 for the 10,000 psi system, \$2,180 for the 5,000 psi hoses and \$200 of estimated shipping.

The staff recommended that the bid from MES-MIDAM (Municipal Emergency Services, INC.) in the amount of \$25,363 for the purchase of a Hurst 10,000 psi extrication system and four 5,000 psi hoses for the existing extrication system is accepted.

The request of the Liberal Fire Department passed 5-0.

The City Hall roof has had numerous leak issues, according to finance director Chris Ford.

The staff recommended consideration to proceed with the quote from White's Roofing, LLC, in

the amount of \$111,472, to be funded from the Equipment Reserve fund.

Allegedly, the roof hadn't been fixed even in 2003. The motion passed 5-0.

The City of Liberal contracts uniform services from Aramark Uniform Company. The contract has been in in place under the terms of agreement which include a one year period from April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, with two additional one year renews not to exceed March 31, 2014.

The staff recommended the city staff to issue a letter to Aramark to discontinue services with the company, with 30 days legal notice, to terminate on Nov. 30, 2013.

The staff also recommended to enter in a working agreement with Unifirst Corporation to provide uniform and miscellaneous services for the City of Liberal. The motion passed 5-0.

At the end of the meeting, there was a 20-minute executive session per K.S.A 75-4319 (b)(1) regarding personnel matters of nonelected personnel.