

Council

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Helmuth's permit fee was \$1,590.40. The Council approved street/parking lot closings for several events. The first was for the annual Pop the Top Car Show June 24 downtown. Back Alley Saloon was approved for an event using city parking space for the same date to put on a related event with a tent and disc jockey. The bar plans to hold its annual bash that same evening. Back Alley Saloon also was approved for a "bike night" event Aug. 12.

A funding agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation was approved for road work on Schrock Drive at Rt. 133. City Administrator Bill Wagoner

said the agreement is part of a \$31,000 grant.

It was reported that Police Officer Zakary Hutton completed his probationary period, so his wage was raised 50 cents per hour. Officer Charles Abarbanel completed a state certification in alcohol analysis, so his wage was raised 25 cents per hour.

The Council approved Mayor Jesus Garza's list of committee appointments, but Wagoner noted after the meeting that it will need to be revised in light of Homero Garza's departure.

Homero Garza thanked the Council and community for his time on the Council. Smith also was in attendance and expressed particular thanks, particularly to Wagoner.

Following the meeting, the police, ordinance and enforce-

ment committee met mostly to hear updates on dilapidated properties.

Sharilyn Kibler addressed the committee on behalf of Tuck Elder, who owns a campground in town that the city has cited for having permanent residents and complaints. Kibler said she has gathered 95 signatures in support of rezoning the campground and that only two people declined.

She said two of the residents have moved out and that Elder is working to move a third resident. She acknowledged that the campsite is not intended to be anyone's "forever home" and that she hopes to keep residency to 3-6 months. She said it is a housing option for temporary workers.

Dilapidated properties were listed as 404 S. Locust,

625 E. Main and 452 E. Madison. City Attorney Andrew Bequette said property owners would be sent letters, and if they do not respond, he will ask the city if they want to pursue court action.

Wagoner added that title searches are done first to ascertain ownership, and that takes several weeks.

The city has filed suit against Thomas Richardson for property at 239 W. Main St. Bequette said the owner has responded to the city, so he will be given time to make repairs.

Wagoner noted that the lawsuit is not withdrawn. Bequette said he won't push for a trial date "if they're working with us. As long as they're moving forward, I'll move slowly."



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Girls

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of whatever career choices the girls make. Don't let them tell you that you're too small or that you're a girl.

Green dove right into taking questions in order to give the group what they want. On leadership, she said it's about relationships, trust and respect. You don't have to agree on everything, but you have to have trust. On the court, as a team leader, if you're always putting down your teammates, or not working hard or attending class, are your teammates going to trust you as a leader?

"You can't lead others if you don't lead yourself," she said. "All you can control is you. ... You can guide and influence others, but you're in control of your own actions."

You make choices throughout the day, she told the girls. "What if you decide to make better choices?" There is power in choice, she said. "I

don't think young people understand that. ... If you make better choices, it will lead to a better outcome."

She warned the girls to be wary of social media where people pressure through comparison. "Don't compare yourself. Just worry about yourself. Comparison is a thief of joy."

She also said that leaders don't have to be extroverts. Introverts can also be leader but tend to lead more by example. "There are different ways to lead. Do what fits you."

Principal Nick Lindsey asked Green to address the difference between positive and negative leadership.

Green referenced the book The Energy Bus by Jon Gordon. Negativity spreads really quickly, she said, and "can ruin stuff."

She said on her team, they abide by "no BCD." That means no blaming, no complaining and no defensiveness. You can't be your best self if you're constantly com-

plaining, she said. And if a teammate is a downer, help them be positive "or they have to get off the bus."

Negative people are "energy vampires," she said. They suck energy from others.

She stressed the importance of confidence. "Confidence can change the game for you," she said. "You have to be OK being you."

Repetition leads to confidence, confidence leads to success, she said. "The more prepared and committed you are, the more confident you'll be."

Rotarians Vicki Gilbert and Karen Yardley were the event co-chairs. Committee members who helped them plan the event were Nick Lindsey, Suzy Saunders, Winnie Stortzum, and Amber Behrendt.

Besides Green, speakers included Illinois State Trooper, Jayme Bufford, who discussed self-defense; State Trooper Alyssa Bufford who informed the girls about

social media dangers and how to remain safe; Barbara Lackey, a mental health care professional, who spoke about how to talk about mental health with others; and Karla Freeze who shared her power of positive thinking through meditation, yoga, and healthy lifestyle.

The girls who attended were given T-shirts with the event logo, treated to breakfast and lunch, and given goodie bags along with the opportunity to win door prizes.

A significant anonymous donation inspired the club to plan the event. Other donations were given by Lisa Boyer, Boyer Sappenfield Investment Advisors; the Arcola Foundation; The Libman Company, and the First Mid-Illinois Bank. Other donors who gave in-kind services or discounts included Monical's Pizza, Arcola Library, Saldivar Panderia, and the Arcola Masonic Lodge.

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names from the banners. The final banner design will come to the full Board for approval.

Also in committee, Mulligan reported that Triple A Asbestos has bid \$35,500 for asbestos removal in the gym locker rooms. The high bid was \$122,000. Mulligan said he thinks the company was able to bid so much lower because they're doing a big project in Tuscola and will be able to do both at the same time.

During a finance commit-

tee meeting, Mulligan shared amended budget figures. He said the district its "going to end up way better than we budgeted." He said investment earnings have been "through the roof" and other revenue has been higher than expected.

He recommended raising lunch prices by a dime, which he said is the most the

federal government can demand. While the school's lunch program loses money, he said unpaid meals are higher than ever. He said he thinks parents got used to the free meals during the pandemic.

The full Board will need to vote on the recommendation. The prices as recommended for next year will be

\$1.95 for breakfast, \$3.10 for elementary school lunch, \$3.35 for jr./sr. high lunches and \$3.85 for adults.

Mulligan also discussed copier leases and recommended increasing pay for officials at sporting events to be competitive with area schools. Those issues will likely come up at the next full Board meeting for a vote.

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