

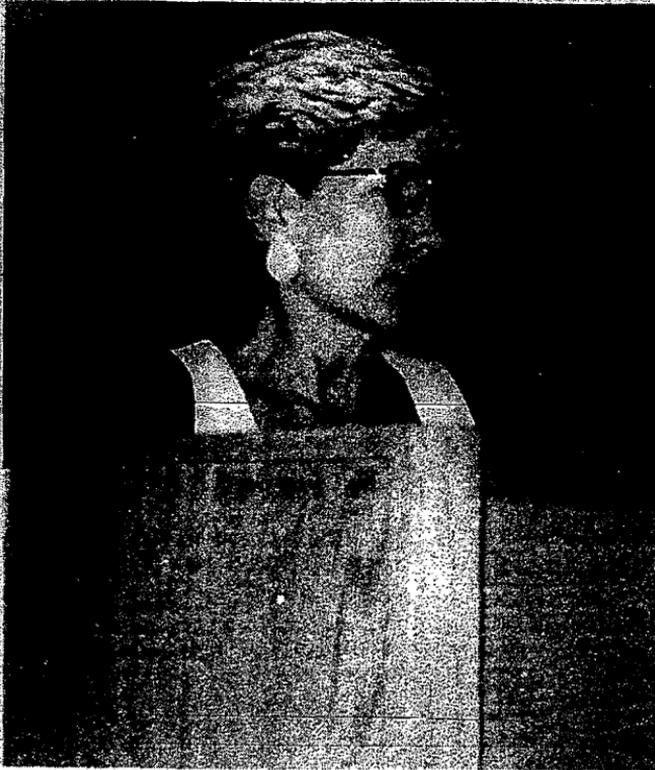
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## City tackles meeting issues in quick manner



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Efficient could be the word used to describe last night's City Commission meeting held last night at City Hall.

The meeting took 45 minutes to complete, and city leaders knew what they wanted to do.

The beginning of the meeting discussed current items on City Manager Bob Annis' agenda that commission members brought up.

The street repairs on Sixth Street are proceeding "on schedule," according to Annis. The first phase of repairs should be done in about two weeks, according to City Engineer Jim Willis, and the entire project should be completed around July 1.

The city passed unanimously a motion to apply for a grant through the Environmental Protection Agency and the Economical Development Association. The grant would go toward a study and analysis of the Blackwell Zinc site and determine its future use for industry.

The city held discussions on purchasing used police cars from

AT THE MIKE — Candy Thomas addresses the Blackwell City Commission in last night's meeting at City Hall. See accompanying story for more details on the meeting (J-T photo by PS).

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the Missouri Highway Patrol. One Blackwell police car is already out of commission, and replacements need to be purchased.

In November, the city made plans to purchase two new Fords, with each car costing around \$22,200. They had the option to cancel the order before delivery was made, and had to make a decision in March.

In the same month, city leaders put that off to consider the purchase of used police cars from Missouri. The cars would cost \$11,500 to purchase, plus another \$1,500 or so to get it ready for use.

The city gave the go-ahead to get on the list, and when cars were available, the city would be notified. The cars would have 45,000-50,000 miles on them, and they are 1994 Chevrolet Impalas.

Acting Police Chief Marvin Vandaveer said it was important to purchase the cars this year, as the city's capital improvement budget has the money to do so now, and delay of purchase could put as many as three people driving one car, as the case would be if any more cars were to be pulled from department use.

"We'll be hurting if cars break down," Vandaveer said.

Commissioner Richard Hicks proposed a motion for the city to buy one car and to get back on the list for the purchase of more cars if the "test vehicle" was a good purchase. It passed unanimously.

City ordinances need to be codified and brought up to date, said Annis, who said some ordinances are out of date by at least 15 years and likened it to "a good paperweight."

"It's a must," Hicks said. "It's money well spent, and we need to keep it kept up."

A motion passed unanimously to authorize Annis to contact the Municipal Code Corporation of Tallahassee, Fla., and bargain with them to codify the city ordinances at the price estimate of \$11,250 that he received from them last year.

Blackwell has received two bids from auditors in regard to auditing the city's 1995-96 fiscal budget. The city has gone through Steve Sanders, Inc. for the last two years, but is returning to Baird, Dodson and Kurtz for their audit of the 1995-96 fiscal year budget.

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