



**Mark Petterson/The Republican**  
A tractor-trailer hauling grain overturned just north of Burlington shortly before 6 a.m. Tuesday. The truck was eastbound on 13th Road, about 200 yards east of Lynx Road, when it entered the north ditch, overturned and spilled grain in a front yard. Two tow trucks from Williams Towing and Recovery, Emporia, waited for grain to be removed before uprighting the tractor-trailer. Details about the accident were not available at press time.

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weeks included locating lines, changing power poles, trimming trees, removing a cable from the concrete blocks after a demolition derby, helping the parks department hang veterans banners and helping with the new city hall sign. Schneider said Austin Birk and Denny Noonan were involved with the design and fabrication of the new city hall sign.

Birk completed the apprenticeship program and scored 96 percent on his final test. Schneider said Birk is doing very well in the field and recommended promoting him to journeyman lineman at an hourly rate of \$24.27 per hour, effective Nov. 11.

The council unanimously approved a leave of absence for Bryson Olsen, for personal reasons, from Nov. 5 until a doctor provides an acceptable release for Olsen to work.

**Water and Wastewater:** Superintendent Danny Hawkins said crews performed a "live" water leak repair on Kennebec Street, between First and Second Streets. They completed a water service installation at the old bowling alley. A new replacement water line main was tied into the water system at 12th and Alleghany streets. Once approval is received from Kansas Department of Health and Environment, customers will be hooked up to the new line.

**Streets:** Superintendent Mark Davidson said one truck treated streets when snow fell on Oct. 26. Crews cleaned the ditch at Fifth and Potomac to help with drainage. They attended a safety meeting. The council approved Resolution 2020-05, authorizing street improvements on Des Moines Street, between 15th and 16th streets. Property owners along the gravel street signed a "petition to oil street" in order to get the work done. The owners will share in the cost

of the project.

**Police:** Chief Doug Jones said police assisted in rounding up pot belly pigs earlier in the afternoon. Officer Brian Siedschlag graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center on Oct. 30. Officer Rachel Hale started the same 14-week certification program on Nov. 9. Jones said the demolition derby on Oct. 25 had 97 entries and finished by 7 p.m. In the future, Jones recommended the council consider having a solid cutoff date for submitting a security deposit at least one week before the event. The organizer of the derby did not make the deposit until the Friday before the event and city employees were unsure whether the derby would happen. While there were 97 cars, Jones said there were fewer than 200 spectators.

**Parks:** Superintendent Kevin Boyce suggested an Oct. 15 cutoff date for outdoor activities at Kelley Park. The stadium and livestock barns were winterized then had to be unwinterized to accommodate events. Seasonal restrooms throughout the city are being closed and winterized. Parks employees cleaned up stump grindings where hazardous trees had been removed.

**Planning and Zoning:** Zoning Clerk Jimmy Huginin helped the parks and electric crews install the vet-

erans banners on Nov. 2. He has also been keeping in contact with Becky Voorhies, of Thrive Allen County, who is administering the CDBG-CV Small Business Economic Development grant that provides funding to small businesses located in Burlington.

**Legal:** City Attorney Philip Wright provided an update on the Hudson Street nuisance property. Apparently a relative of the deceased owner is working with a probate attorney. A condemnation hearing has been set for 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2.

**City Hall:** City Clerk Anne Brown said \$1,082.24 in delinquent October utility accounts will be sent to the

Kansas Set-off program for collection. Renewal reminders have been sent to holders of various 2021 licenses. A letter was prepared showing the City of Burlington's support for Coffey County Transportation in submitting an application to the State of Kansas for an annual operating assistance grant for FY 2022, which begins July 2021.

The council approved Claims Ordinance No. 2020-20 in the amount of \$175,985.74 and Payroll Ordinance No. 2020-22 in the amount of \$86,208.84.

The council will meet next at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at city hall.

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