

# NEWS

## Wheatland Electric Donates to Zenda for Christmas Lights

### PRESS RELEASE

Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WEC) announced that the City of Zenda has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from the WEC Sharing Success Fund to help update the city’s aging Christmas decorations.

The City of Zenda is working to replace its aging lighted pole decorations along Main Street in time for this year’s Christmas season. The current decorations, which have served the

community for years, are showing signs of wear, with burned-out lights and fraying materials. The new decorations will bring a fresh, festive look to Main Street, reflecting Zenda’s pride and holiday spirit.

More than just décor, these updates will enhance the town’s welcoming atmosphere, creating moments of joy for residents and visitors alike. Last year’s successful pole decorating contest fostered community involvement and be-

gan Zenda’s fundraising efforts for this project. The new decorations will add to the festive charm of Zenda’s annual Santa Parade and holiday celebrations as well as help Zenda’s Main Street shine bright this holiday season.

The Scott Community Foundation began formally accepting applications for grants from the WEC Sharing Success Fund from community-based

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## COUNCIL

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be an opportune time to upgrade the system to include cameras that could be used to issue speeding citations for violators without being pulled over by a HPD officer.

"There are a lot of options we need to look at," Teel said. "If it makes us a little money on it and we're doing something and we're doing it right."

Leu said it might be a good idea to look into new technology instead of repairing old technology.

Mayor Eric Latta said if the city is going to upgrade the camera system it needs to upgrade the entire system not just replace the two

damaged signs.

Cooperrider said if the city was going to purchase a new system that could issue citations setting up the system on the highway that passes by the elementary school would be a good location.

"They would do a lot more good being in a school zone than they are in the positions where they're at," Walter said.

Teel said he was not opposed to including signs in the school zone.

Walter said HPD tries to monitor the school zone as much as it can, but "there are days we're not able to for whatever reason."

"If we're going to put money where it's important,

kids are pretty important," Walter said.

Leu said Walter has a vision and the council needs to not only see his vision, but consider funding the vision.

"It may take two or three years, where we don't have to raise our mill levy," he said.

Latta said he would like to see a plan provided to the council so it can be considered during the next budget process.

In other city news, Harper Police Chief Tom Burns introduced the newest member of the department – Willie Duhon, who started on Monday. Burns said he does not have a date as to when he will start the police

academy as of now.

Council members voted unanimously, 6-0, to purchase a new Easter bunny costume for \$398. Leu emphatically said the funds were coming from the Harper Transient Tax Committee and not revenue generated by property taxes.

The council unanimously approved the hiring of Angie Ord as the swimming pool manager at a rate of \$15 per hour, as well as Scotty McCartney as a seasonal employee in the public works department at a rate of \$14.

Councilman David Earls asked for those salary items to be included on the council's next agenda for review and discussion.

## ROGERS

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really matter. Then, when they watch our legislators or even our local county government not work for them that just solidifies that belief that their voice doesn’t matter.”

“For all Kansans” is Roger’s campaign slogan and she sees herself as a candidate for the people. She is also bucking the system of allowing people more access to her and her campaign so they don’t have to make a decision based on short media soundbites and political fliers. Rogers

said she has to meet people where they are because there are a lot of citizens that will not show up at a party meeting or a town hall because they have other things going on in their lives. She said that is going to have a much larger impact than running a political ad or putting out a flyer.

“I show up at gun shows and bars and coffee shops and libraries – pretty much anywhere there is a gathering of people,” Rogers said. “I’m going to a movie premier that is for a local movie in Wichita where I’m going to be interacting with people that aren’t necessar-

ily political, but they are still voters. They are still important pieces of the state of Kansas.

“Again this is where I’m finding a lot of those people that feel like their voice has been taken away. It’s easy to find the political people. It’s easy to find the people that are actually already engaged. The people that I’m really interested in are the ones that are not (engaged).

Rogers said when a candidate takes the time to meet with someone face-to-face it allows for an opportunity to build a rapport on a more personal level.

“If you have in-person

met someone, got to sit across from them and ask your questions and engage with them, that – that is huge,” she said. “Most people don’t feel like they will ever have an opportunity to do that (with a candidate or politician). And, I want to give them that opportunity.”

Rogers said she is not worried about being a political underdog heading into the next gubernatorial election. She is in the race to win it.

*This is part one of a multi-part story on Republican gubernatorial candidate Stacy Rogers. See part two in next week’s edition.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**RESOLUTION NO. 906-25**

**A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS, AT WHICH THE OWNER, HIS OR HER AGENT, LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD, OCCUPANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST OF STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN SAID CITY AND DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY SUCH STRUCTURE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED OR DEMOLISHED AS AN UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE.**

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Harper, Kansas, did on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, is unsafe and dangerous;

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer of the City of Harper, Kansas, did on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 file with the governing body of said city, a statement in writing that the structure, hereinafter described, continues to be unsafe and dangerous;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS:

That a hearing will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025, before the governing body of the city at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 201 W. Main, Harper, Kansas 67058 at which the owner, his or her agent, any lienholders of record, any occupant and any other parties in interest, as that term is defined by law, of the structure located at:

West half of Lot 03 and all of Lot 04 in Block 06 of the original addition in the City of Harper Harper County, Kansas

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may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned as an unsafe or dangerous structure and ordered repaired or demolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this resolution to be published and shall give notice of the aforesaid hearing in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

(SEAL)  
ATTEST:

Tiffany M. Cooperrider, City Clerk

Eric Latta, Mayor

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## HARPER SENIOR MEALS

**March 31:** Ham and beans, steamed broccoli, cornbread, peach crisp, milk

**April 1:** Tater tot casserole, green beans, pears, roll, milk

**April 2:** Catfish, lettuce salad, apricots, hushpuppies, milk

**April 3:** Parm chicken, spaghetti, green beans, sliced tomato, ice cream, milk

**April 4:** Turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, milk

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**2025-04 CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT**  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL/ BID OPENING: April 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM**

The City of Harper is seeking bids from qualified contractors to provide concrete curb and gutter installation and replacement services. Work shall be completed on or adjacent to the following streets within the City of Harper: Walnut Street (from HWY-160 to 21st St), HWY-160 (from Spruce St to Pine St), Ash Street (from Main St to HWY-160), and 12th Street (from Ash St to Pine St). The Contractor will be responsible for all curb and gutter replacement work as described within the Project Specifications (Scope of Work). Complete Invitation to Bid is available at City Hall or on www.cityofharper.com.

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