

City to Look at Installing Artificial Grass on Some City Properties

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With West Texans feeling the effects of the 2011 drought, many area communities and their leaders are scouring ways to conserve the most precious of commodities.

Water.

On Monday evening, in a regular meeting of the Seminole City Council, members of the seven member City panel will consider a suggestion by Seminole Mayor Wayne Mixon which has the potential to save on water usage, among other things.

According to an agenda received by the Sentinel, Council members will consider awarding a contract for the installation of artificial turfgrass for city owned property in the meeting, which is slated for a 7 p.m. start at Seminole City Hall.

The meeting, which will be held inside the Council's Chambers at 302 S. Main St., is open to the public.

"I think that if we want to see our residents begin to conserve water resources, we as the City should be willing to take the first step in the process," said Mixon in a November meeting of the Council, in which City leaders discussed the possibilities of installing turfgrass on City owned property, such as Seminole City Hall and the "Y Intersection Park" located along U.S. Hwy 62/180 (Hobbs Hwy.) and State Hwy. 214 (Denver City Hwy.).

Estimates for the installation of turfgrass at Seminole City Hall ranged from \$17,455.25 to \$22,180.25, according to Seminole City Manager Tommy Phillips on Friday morning. Estimates for the installation of the City's "Y Park" was quoted by Phillips at ranging from \$66,019.45 to \$85,108.45.

"This is something some of the members of the Council wanted to look into," said Phillips. "I'm not sure in which direction the Council will go at this point in time, but one thing is for certain, we do need to begin looking at different ways of conserving our water resources for the future."

In other action on Monday evening, Seminole City Council members will consider action on the following agenda items:

- host a public hearing to solicit input regarding closing and abandoning a part of the 200 block of N.W. 9th St., and consider adoption of closing the street;
- consider appointments to the City of Seminole's Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Board;
- consider award of contract for an automated meter reading system for water

meters;

- consider award of contract for a water line relocation; and
- routine items pertaining to regular City business.

Council members, at the start of Monday's meeting, will receive a report on the monthly sales tax report, discuss a "no parking" zone in the 100 block of S.W. 3rd St., an update on the City's downtown beautification project, and discuss drainage issues in the 700 block of N. Main St.

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