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## Council passes electric rate ordinance, studies Ave. D sewer

The Hawarden city fathers grappled with the Ave. D sanitary sewer problem at their regular meeting Monday night in an attempt to arrive at a financing plan that could see the project accomplished without too much hardship to some property owners, and at the same time limit the amount of deficiency that the city would have to assume.

Using a formula devised by project engineers, Supt. of Public Works Willis Frank presented a property descriptions with the possible amounts that would have to be assessed to pay for the project, and these ran the gamut of from \$200 to \$4500 in the cases of property owners who held more than one lot or owned commercial property along the street.

According to the proposal presented by Frank the city would assume about \$16,000 of the estimated \$76,000 cost, bring the total assessable needs down to \$59,700.

The most debate on the situation concerned whether or not to continue with the project or stop now, in which case the \$8000 spent for engineering would be wasted. The consensus of the council was to continue, at least through the hearing stage, at which time the wishes of the majority of the affected residents could be heard.

According to City Attorney E.V. Slife, the councils next move would

be to set an appraised value on each piece of affected property. A committee composed of Ivan Noe, Arlen DeZeeuw and Jerry Klemme was appointed to prepare the preliminary appraisals for council discussion.

The Monday night meeting was evidently the night for thorny issues, as the council also passed an electrical rate ordinance through three readings that will raise prices effective October 1.

The rate proposal has been the subject of several Independent stories the last few weeks, and in effect, does away with the system of graduated rates for different levels of usage and replaces it with a service charge and a flat rate per kilowatt hour for all users.

Before the new rates can become effective, the proposal will be published and further explained.

Part of the problem facing the council was the increase faced by consumers who use very little power. Lengthy discussion brought the council to agreement on the fact that such cases would have to be dealt with on an individual basis, rather than through changes in the proposal. The rate increase will average about 22 percent for all classes of consumer, but the 22 percent figure can be misleading due to

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## J.E. and Vesta Tilgner named as Parade Marshalls

Officials of the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce have announced "with great pleasure" the choice of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Tilgner as Parade Marshalls for the Labor Day Parade on September 3.

J.E. and Vesta are native Hawarden residents. Both graduated from the Hawarden High School and the State University of Iowa. J.E. is a veteran of World War I.

They have two sons, John E. Jr. and Thomas C. Both John and Tom are graduates of the University of Iowa. John is a high school instructor in the Chicago school system and also holds a law degree and is licensed to practice in the state of Illinois. Tom is the present owner and operator of Tilgner's Ben Franklin Store.

J.E. began business in Hawarden in 1922 establishing the Tilgner's Auto Company in the present bowling alley building. In 1930 he built a four stall Super Service oil station now the Ford Garage. J.E. and Vesta moved to Minneapolis in 1934 where J.E. served as Service Station Supervisor of the Sinclair

Service Stations throughout the Twin Cities. In 1940 they returned to Hawarden and purchased the Ben Franklin Store. J.E. and Vesta owned and operated the store until 1975 when they turned the ownership over to their son, Thomas C. Tilgner. They still maintain an active interest by assisting Tom and his wife, Carmen, in store operation.

Together J.E. and Vesta have contributed a life time of service to the entire community of Hawarden. J.E. has held two terms as President of the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce. He is a Past President of the Hawarden Rotary Club. He was a member of the first Board of Directors of HIDCO, the Hawarden Golf Club and the United Good Neighbors. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. He was chairman of the Boy Scout Committee for many years. He has been a member of the American Legion, Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges for over fifty years.

In 1975, J.E. Tilgner was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the Hawarden Chamber of Commerce.

This past spring he was awarded a Certificate of Award from the Sioux Empire College Titan Mens Basketball Team for his dedicated support throughout every basketball season.

Vesta Tilgner has equally been a very active contributor to the community of Hawarden. She served on the Library Board from 1929 until just a few years ago, several times in the capacity of Chairman. She was Home Service

Chairman of the Red Cross throughout World War II for a period of time over twenty years. She is Past President of PEO and has been a member for over fifty years.

J.E. and Vesta have played a very important part in the growth and development of Hawarden. We thank them for their years of dedicated service and honor them as Marshalls for the 1979 Labor Day Parade.

## Inside this week.....

Call it my insatiable curiosity if you wish, but last week's story on sightless machinist Lawrence Ludwigs left me wondering just what other accomplishments this unique individual had forged. I learned a lot about perseverance in a Sunday afternoon session with Lawrence and his wife Leona, and have attempted to pass some of it along in the second part of the Ludwigs feature that you will find on pages 8 and 9 in this week's Independent.

On page 2, you will find a preview

of the "Tour of Homes" sponsored by Epsilon Eta Sorority and scheduled for September 1. If you've ever wondered about the inside of some of Hawarden's homes, now's your chance to take a look. Check page 2 for the details.

### Rural residents

Rural residents of the West Sioux School District who will have children attending this year will find page 7 of interest, with details on bus routes, plus a story on new regulations about bus operation that add to the dilemmas officials face.