

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, November 30, 2020**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Reports1**

**Council to receive an update, including discussion, on various projects and programs.**

**Staff Contact: Rick Kuckkahn, Interim City Manager**

## COUNCIL PROJECT LIST (\$500,000)

1. \$200,000 23 CLUB
2. NORTHWOOD SIDEWALK AROUND PARK (UNIT PRICE IS \$6 PER SQUARE FOOT)
3. ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD

20 amp service required

3x5 sign is around \$30k Watchfire is the brand name

1<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> is an example

### 4. SPEED SIGNS

#### [RU2FAST500](#)



#### [Radar Speed Control Dolly RU2 500](#)

- 1" square steel tubing frame, weight 130 lbs., white polyester powder coat finish over high zinc epoxy primer
- Single directional K-band radar unit
- 12" Amber ALLnGaP LED display characters
- 3/16" GE Lexan with a smoked, non-glare finish
- Automatic intensity adjustment to ambient light conditions
- 18" x 24" speed limit sign with digit overlays for 10 - 35MPH
- Your choice of "Your Speed" or "School Zone" sign
- One 35 A/hr AGM battery

- Internal "smart" floating charger
- Single cycle ON/OFF clock
- Flashing Digit Violator Alert
- Minimum Display Speed/ High Speed Cut-off
- Unit defaults to last settings upon power up
- Wheel lock

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\$3,995.00

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### **Radar Speed Signs: Selection and Usage:**

Below are some general considerations to take into account when choosing a radar speed display sign. For always up to date requirements be sure to check out the [MUTCD Requirements for Changeable Message Signs](#)

### **TYPE CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Display Height**

Streets with faster speed limits will need larger displays than slower streets. MUTCD specifies that a display height of 12" is appropriate for areas where the speed limit is under 45mph and a display height of at least 18" is required for streets with speed limits of 45 mph or great.

#### **Display Messaging**

Display messaging may not include any advertising, animation, rapid flashing, or other distracting elements. At higher speeds, a single phase message is strongly suggested.

#### **Radar Display Deployment**

Radar speed signs may be pole mounted, portable or use a dolly or trailer for deployment. Be sure to read the details for deployment. Some of the smaller dolly models are not appropriate for long-term outdoor use. Pole mounted and heavier trailer models will be more appropriate for faster streets and extended use.

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[SR18](#)



#### Sa-So 18" Solar Radar Feedback Sign

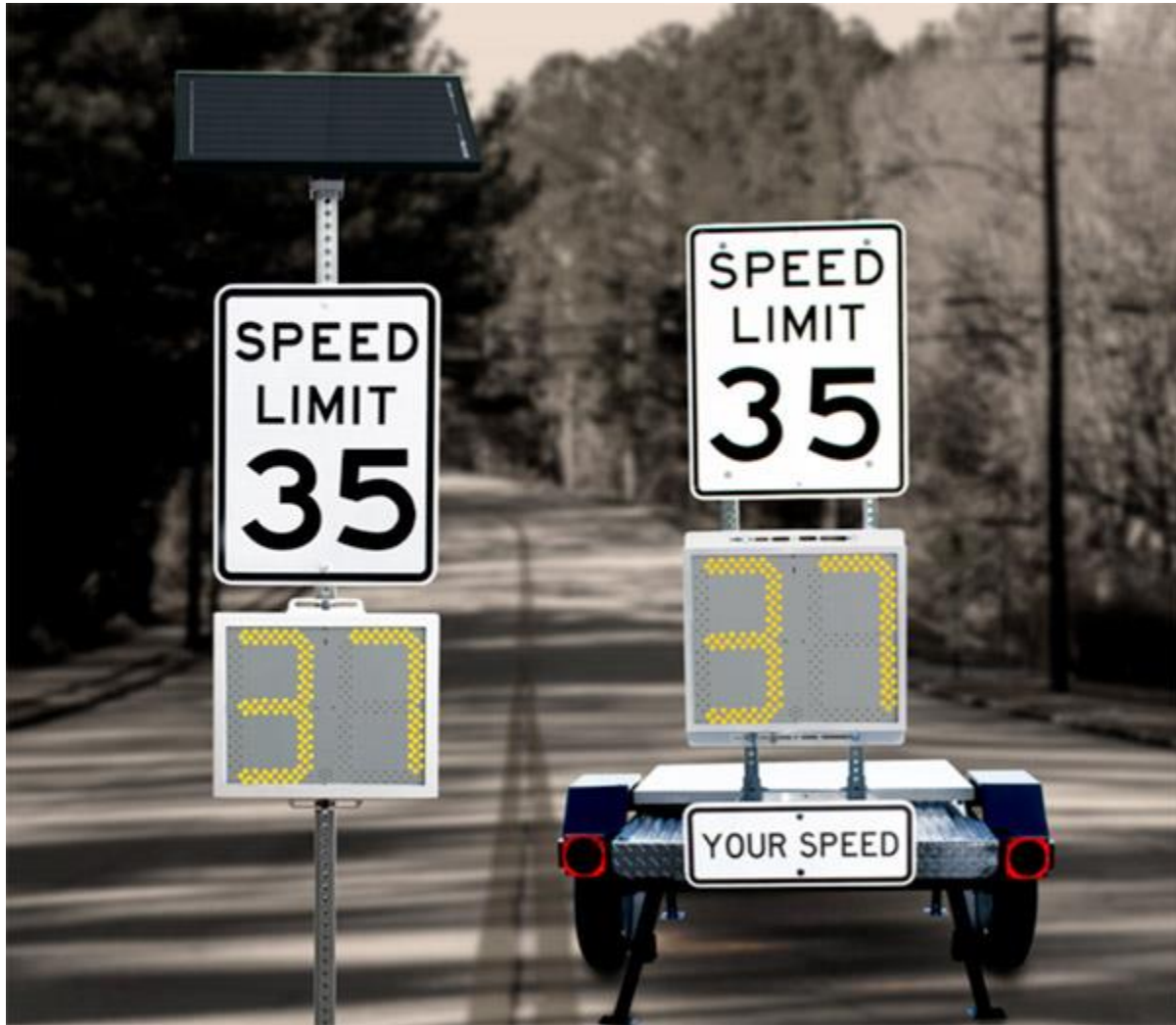
SA-So 18" Solar Radar Feedback Sign SA-SO's Radar Feedback Sign helps calm traffic by displaying the driver's current speed and notifying them of the legal speed limit in a given area. The printed signs are MUTCD compliant. Includes "YOUR SPEED" sign. Does not include Pole or Speed Limit Sign. Bluetooth and data stats included.

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\$4,200.00

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[Sa-So 18" Solar Radar Feedback Trailer Sign](#)

Sa-So 18" Solar Radar Feedback Trailer Sign SA-SO's Trailer Mounted Radar Feedback Sign provides all the benefits of the standard Radar Feedback Sign and includes an ultra-lightweight trailer, making it easy to move, set-up, and tow. This efficient product helps calm traffic and reduce speeding by displaying the driver's current speed and notifying them of the legal speed limit in a particular area. When choosing the solar option, consider location as solar panels must face south for optimal performance and power capacity.

[Please request a quote for shipping >>](#) Will be shipped via: TRUCK FREIGHT - COMMERCIAL ADDRESSES ONLY

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\$7,185.00

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## RU2FAST250



## RU2 Fast-250 (12" LED Display)

band single directional radar unit.  
test generation AlInGaP high intensity LED's.  
" Full Matrix (rounded) Characters for quick recognition.  
3/4" Deep and 20 1/2" High cabinet.  
nimum Speed Display.  
gh Speed Blanking.  
ashing Digit Violator Alert.  
VDC operation, 12 VDC or 100-277 VAC, 50/60 Hz input.

[Please request a quote for shipping >>](#)

### **5. SPEED BUMPS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED**

### **6. DOG PARK \$38,800, includes 2 picnic tables and 2 shelters.**

9/16/2020	This is the same size as the dog park in Riverside			
1	400' x 100 ' x 6' Split in half			\$ 33,000.00
4	Gates	?		
2	Cement pads for shelter	5yrd per @\$120 yrd		\$ 1,200.00
2	Shelters 12' x 21		\$1,500	\$ 3,000.00

2	Picnic tables	\$800	\$ 1,600.00
			\$ 38,800.00

This is the same size as the dog park in Riverside

This is not contracted price.

- 7. BI-CYCLE RODEO** \$94,000 this one was harder to determine for painting the layout there are no kits it is build as you like.

9/16/2020

Concreter 120' x 120'	\$ 80,000.00
Rodeo markings	\$ 2,000.00
Chain link fence	\$ 12,000.00
	\$ 94,000.00

Location would be Veterans park.

Area would be 120ft. by 120 ft.

#### 8. BAND SHELTER PLAZA PARK

##### B&C STEEL CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 1099 PHONE: (308) 632-6188

SCOTTSBLUFF, NE. 69363-1099 FAX: (308) 632-7172

DATE: 9-1-2020

City of Scottsbluff

PROJECT:

Downtown Stage

BUILDER:

Scottsbluff, NE 69361

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##### BUILDING PROPOSAL

QTY	TYPE	PITCH	WIDTH	LENGTH	EAVE HT	BAY SPACIN G	END WALL TYPE
1	RF	30'		24'	1 @ 24'		2-RF 1/2 LOAD OPEN

DESIGN LOADS:

20 psf roof snow load, 115 mph ultimate wind speed, Exp. C, 10 psf collateral load, IBC-2018. Use Group II.

ROOF COLOR:  
Colored  
Standard B&C "R"

GA:26

WALL COLOR: No  
walls

GA:26

TRIM COLOR:  
Colored  
Standard B&C

Panel

Standard B&C "R"  
Panel

ACCESSORIES INCLUDE:

Custom clear-story building design.

Open all walls to roof.

Colored B&C 26GA "R" panel roof liner.

48" overhang with colored B&C 26GA "R" panel soffit all walls.

R-33 roof insulation system.

Labor to erect building.

Site preparation for building area allowance: \$3,500.00

Concrete footings and foundations for above building with 4" concrete floors, allowance:  
\$30,000.00

Electrical allowance: \$18,000.00

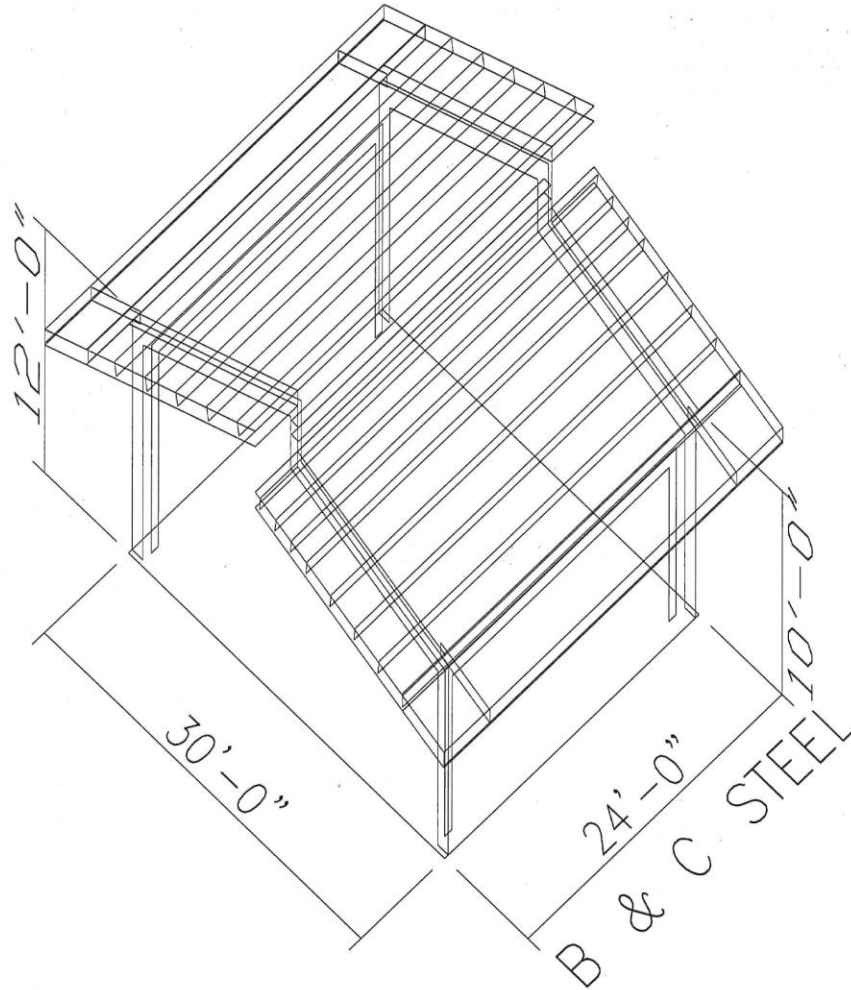
Handrail allowance: \$8,500.00

Total budget cost.------(NO tax included)-----

-----\$126,180.00

NO permit fees included.





## 9. SPLASHPAD

How many splash pads does the City of Kearney have?

- They have 6 splash pads.

Who do you purchase your splash pad from?

- Five of the splash pads were purchased from Outdoor Recreation (**Vortex Products**). (This is the same vendor that installed our Splash pad at Veterans Park) Outdoor Recreation no longer sales Vortex, but Commercial Recreation Specialist does now. CRS is out of Wisconsin. Vortex is the best product in my opinion.

Who installs the splash pads?

- We (City) supply the water and waste water connections and the **contractor** does the rest (concrete, plumbing, electrical, etc...)

What is the most common features or size of your splash pads?

- The typical size is 10-14 features (40'-60' +/-). Common features: dumping buckets, ground sprays, water umbrellas, upright sprays, spray hoops.

## 10. SENIOR CENTER SALE/USE

As requested, the following are some thoughts for utilizing the Senior Center. I broke these down into the broad categories of short-term, mid-term (3-5 yrs) and long-term. In the short-term, we could utilize the building as a secondary operations center during the pandemic. This could be a location to send personnel either to respond out of or to temporarily quarantine until test results are obtained. It could also serve as an additional place for decontaminating equipment to reduce transfer into the station.

Mid-term we could utilize the existing building and site for a training facility. It is difficult to perform some training tasks at our station, which often puts us in the position to utilize Gering's training facility (which is not feasible on-duty). Having the storage building directly behind the building would allow the storage of props and training equipment, which we are already doing, but we would not need to transport these props to another training site. The building could be utilized for several situational trainings, provided we do not use water. While we could not perform any live fire training, it would be a good temporary training site to hone and improve our skills. Unfortunately, this site would not be ideal long-term as there is not enough acreage and we would still be limited on the types of training we could perform.

One potential long-term solution would be to utilize the site for a satellite or second fire station. This solution would involve having to retrofit the existing building with sleeping quarters, fire suppression system (to meet statute) and apparatus bays for the vehicles. Demolishing and replacing would also be an option and both options would need to be explored for best cost efficiency. A station in this area of the City will provide better coverage to the east and northeast portions of the City. Data shows that response to the northeast portion of the City can be cut by several minutes with a station east of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and in the vicinity of Highway 26.

## **11. LB840 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

\$2.3 M is currently in the fund. Recent project reduced that amount by \$750,000 so \$1,550,000 remains. We accumulate \$80,000 per month which would be added to the \$1,550,000. We budgeted all the LB840 money at \$3.6 M based on accumulation. In addition we normally receive \$450,000 in payments.

Helped attract and continued working with the Coen Brothers on film production of movie  
Helped attract Street Outlaws reality TV show film production  
Reorganized Downtown Scottsbluff Association  
Served on committee to start Bands on Broadway Summer Concert Series in the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza  
Helped to start Community Connections Newcomer Welcome Events and FB Page  
Heartland Expressway Association representation for the City of Scottsbluff  
Old West Balloon Fest Committee Member  
Capitol Tree Campaign Committee – 2018  
East Overland Façade Improvement Project Organization & Implementation through the CRA  
Established Opportunity Zone in Scottsbluff – 1 of 44 in the state and only one west of Kearney

### **LB840 Projects:**

American Door Stop Project  
Aulick Diesel Shop  
B Squared  
Bluff's Physical Therapy & Hydrozen  
Bytes Computer & Network Solutions  
Candy Barn Express  
Complete Care Family Practice  
Croell Redi-Mix  
Factory Crimp Services  
Gardner Technologies  
JADS Trucking  
McKinney Manufacturing  
Mitchell Care Center  
Pioneer Animal Clinic  
Prime Metal Products – largest LB840 award of \$1.5 million in history of LB840 program  
Reverence Funeral Parlor

**12. PATHWAY PROJECT**

**13. 23 CLUB PROJECT**

**14. AVENUE "B" RESURFACING \$2 M**

**15. WATER TOWER REHAB \$450,000**

**16. FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS CITY-WIDE** Program is in place and receiving applications CRA vetting

**17. LANDFILL**

A letter has been sent to potential partners. With responses in place a meeting will be set to begin composing an inter-local agreement establishing an independent agency to move the process forward. City has \$500,000 in a reserve fund located in a Gering account. A land purchase is in progress.

**18. Working with SBPS.** High School students will be coordinating and working on a city project.

**19. LAND BANK** Bill will become law soon. Staff training on implementation ongoing.

**20. CHIPSEAL RECENTLY COMPLETED \$2.240,000 M**

**21. DEBT SERVICE** Our debt is roughly \$6 M Paying for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street improvement and ????

**22. COMMUNITY POOL** Ongoing discussion of options. Westmoor Pool will need to be replaced within a couple of years. It is reaching the end of useful life. Slides and lazy river may need to be closed sooner.

**23. COMPOST PAD COVER** This project is in the bidding/construction phases. To be completed this year. It is a massive membrain structure mandated.

**24. LIBRARY HVAC** The library HVAC will need to be replaced at considerable expense

**25. LIBRARY CARPET** Replacement in progress

**26. PLAYGROUND EQUIPEMENT** Routine replacement with KENO funds

**27. SOCCER COMPLEX** Possible projects include bathrooms and security lighting

**28. SALES TAX REVENUES** We need to keep a close eye on this with a 7% reduction month over month this year

**29. SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE PROJECT** The consultants work is done in draft with project recommendations recently at our request added to the report.

**30. STORMWATER PLANNING** Stormwater engineering, planning and project work remains a problem. There is no source of money to cover expected costs which could easily go in to the 10s of millions.

### **31. PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

GIS: We have been working on taking full advantage of what our GIS department has to offer Public Works. We have created many new map layers to help us track and collect data for our departments. New map layers include:

Street Maintenance- Records location, date, time, photos and details of work performed such as curb-work, flat-work, etc..

Street Painting & Taping- Records location, date, time, photos and details of work performed such as street and curb taping and painting.

Signs- A live (current) map showing locations of all signs within City limits including detail of any work/maintenance performed on each sign.

Catch Basin Maintenance- Records date, time and notes on when catch basins are cleaned to ensure we are continually and strategically cleaning all catch basins.

Alleys- A map created to show alleys within the City so that we can record when they are maintained.

Traffic Control Program- A map showing components, locations and maintenance of our traffic control system.

Speed Limits- A map showing the speed limit on every road within the City.

Street Light Location- A map showing the location of every street light in the City.

Recycling & Yard Waste- A map showing which properties currently have recycling services, and multiple yard waste cans.

Water Main Valves- A map showing where all of our main water valves are so that an valve exercise program can be put in place.

Curb-boxes- We will start mapping out the locations of every curb-box within the City to make it easier to locate these.

There are many other layers that have been and continue to be used. The above map layers are some of the new ones made over the last couple of years.

We are currently working on using other applications with our GIS that allow us to do route optimization for sanitation, work/service orders for each Public Works department, and more.

GRIDSMART: We have updated and installed GRIDSMART at 9 of 18 City owned and maintained signal light intersections. GRIDSMART is a single-camera solution for intersection actuation, traffic data collection, and situational awareness, which utilizes technology to improve traffic efficiency and safety.

RECOLLECT: We have been researching a better way to notify citizens of altered trash routes, snow storms, closed streets and more. I discovered Recollect which focuses mostly on sanitation but can be used for other departments as well. Recollect gives us the ability to provide a sanitation schedules to the citizens, trash day and recycling day reminders, waste wizard and notifications via a mobile phone app, website, text message, email, phone call, and social media platforms. This program would come in handy especially during holiday trash weeks when we have altered schedules and in times like now when the City has messages that it wants to get out to its citizens. Notifications can be sent out to everyone in the City, a section of town, a block or even a single household. Citizens have to opt-in to receive the schedules and notifications. This would reduce contamination, lower call volumes, increase diversion, teach proper habits, build insight and more.

REPLACING LIGHTED STREET SIGNS: Many of our lighted street signs were damaged in the hail storms last year. We are working on getting these signs replaced.

STREET SIGN AUDIT: Through our Temporary Traffic Control conference, we have gained insight into what the City needs to do to become more compliant with MUTCD. We have developed a plan to audit the City signs and posts to come up with a game plan to become compliant with MUTCD.

DOWNTOWN PLAZA: We have been working on getting the downtown plaza to an appropriate place to where it is not only safe but attractive for future events. We took a multi-million dollar plan and made it into a much more affordable and doable plan which we are currently working on. We still have to figure out a way to pay for a stage and restrooms but other than that it will be completed this year. This final phase of the plaza is currently way under budget as we have been working hard to find cost effective ways to finish the plaza with our own resources.

PERMITTING PROCESS: The fire department, stormwater department and myself have been meeting to discuss how to improve our permitting process to make it more user-friendly to our staff and the

citizens. We have discussed online forms for permits, a permit flow chart to guide staff and the public through the process and also ways to have better communication between staff and departments.

ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: I have been working on developing an internal Annual Public Works report for the last year and a half. We have started tracking all personnel hours for every Public Works employee, and have set up performance measures for each department to track throughout each year. This report consists of financial, operational and managerial information regarding the individual departments that are within Public Works at the City of Scottsbluff including: Central Garage, Development Services, Environmental Services, Geographical Information Services, Transportation, Stormwater, Wastewater and Water. The information gathered within this report is intended to assist city staff in analyzing data, recognizing trends, and evaluating operations. The analysis, trends and evaluations can then be used to make suggestions, decisions and plans to improve each department and Public Works as a whole.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES MANUAL: I have been working with each Public Works department on developing a manual that guides our daily and long-term operations. I am using the American Public Works Association to assist in the development of this manual. This manual is being worked on as we have the time and will most-likely take years to complete. The goal here is to eventually become an Accredited Public Works organization through the American Public Works Association to showcase and prove our great Public Works program.