

**City Business**  
by Michael Leamons

1. Progress is being made on the paving project. The work around the new Poplar Court Subdivision has been completed, and work is beginning on Pecan Street. While the contractor is in town, the City is going to have the approach to one of the driveways on the south side of First Street, which is too high where it crosses the drainage ditch, reworked. Then, City staff will re-pull the entire length of the ditch. In the past, that area has experienced drainage problems.
2. Through its representatives on the Law Enforcement Committee, the Council continues to negotiate the terms of next year's Joint Law Enforcement Agreement.
3. Bids have been received on the CDBG and City wastewater line projects. The bids on both projects came in under budget. Construction is expected to begin in about 6 weeks.
4. The City is awaiting a response from IESI regarding a proposed contract extension providing for the use of poly carts. If accepted, the poly carts should be available for use by July.
5. With the recent rains, staff is devoting considerable time to mowing duties. Everyone is encouraged to keep their yards and lots well groomed. If there is any area in the City right-of-way requiring attention, please give us a call at City Hall. We want to work with you to make mowing and weed eating in the right-of-ways as trouble free as possible.
6. Preparations are being made for this weekend's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak Cook-Off. According to Chairman Kenny Giessner 100 cooks and 6,500 to 7,000 guests are expected to hit the streets of Hico on Saturday. This is the first year Nolan Ryan Ribeyes will be served, and the baseball legend himself has taken to the airwaves promoting the event. Thanks are due to the many volunteers who make this annual celebration a success.

May God bless the City of Hico.