

...City rejects bid for \$50,000 generator

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 Gentry, who was not in favor of spending the money, suggested that the \$50,000 be put in a capital reserve fund for future use.
 Included in the motion not to spend the money, which passed unanimously, was a clause asking Phillips to research the availability of military surplus generators.
 "I have known towns that have gotten old Army generators at very reasonable prices," said Phillips,

adding that he was unsure of how many old generators are still around since the federal government has sold most Vietnam War surplus equipment.
 The city had originally planned to find used generators in other cities and purchase them; however, none could be found, Phillips said.
 In other action, overtime for city employees has been temporarily frozen, Phillips told the councilmen.

Due to a recent Supreme Court ruling allowing law enforcement officers and firemen to collect overtime, "there will be no overtime until after a new budget is passed," Phillips said.
 According to the City Manager, any policeman working over 43 hours per week must take compensatory time to make up for it before the next pay period.
 Members of the City Council voted to give the Raeford Fire

Department a new equipment van at a cost of \$18,755.88.
 Two companies were bidding for the contract, according to Phillips. Bleecker Olds, Buick, GMC in Red Springs bid \$18,682.61 and McBrayer Chevrolet in Aberdeen put in the accepted bid.
 Councilman Vardell Hedgpath questioned why Phillips recommended accepting a higher bid.
 According to Raeford Fire Marshal Terry Tapp, the van from

McBrayer will be equipped with about \$1,000 in options not included in the Bleecker bid.
 "McBrayer met our bid specs to the letter," Tapp said.
 Phillips said the money for the van was budgeted last year.
 Members of the council also voted to hold a public hearing during the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, May 6.
 The hearing is to get citizen response to a proposed flood

damage ordinance, Mayor John K. McNeill said.
 In other action, councilmen:
 *Declined all bids given on some city property in Thomasfield. Members of the council voted not to sell the land.
 *Agreed to consider funding the proposed United Arts Foundation \$5,000 when budget time comes.
 *Passed amendments to this year's city budget.

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