

NEWSLETTER
11-19-86

TRASH

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day all fall on Thursday, our regular trash day. Therefore, trash will be picked up on Wednesday of those weeks.

DUMP

We are still finding items at the dump which are not allowed. Please check the sign at the dump entrance for a list of items which can be dumped. The state has issued warnings and will close the dump if it is not in compliance with state regulations. The city would like to continue this service, but we need your cooperation.

CABLE

The City of Whitewater has transferred the cable franchise to Southwind Cable Company in Wichita. Attached is an information sheet and fee schedule. If you have any questions or comments about your service, please contact them.

SOUTHWIND CABLE, INC.

WELCOME SUBSCRIBERS!

SOUTHWIND CABLE, INC. is proud to be the new owners of your CABLE TV SYSTEM.

OUR START-UP PLANS INCLUDE:

NEW & IMPROVED SERVICE! We are employing a local technician in your city for faster more efficient service. You can call us anytime you need us!

NEW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT! We are presently upgrading the electronics in your system to insure a more reliable, better quality picture on your TV.

EASIER BILLING ACCESS! We will use a local address in your city for easier more convenient payment access. All billing and account questions can now be answered at a local level.

IMPROVED PICTURE QUALITY & PERFORMANCE! With over 35 years of combined CABLE TV experience on our staff, we plan to improve every aspect of your Cable TV system. To help us, please send us any comments or suggestions that you might have.

COMMENTS.....

CITY OF WHITEWATER

7-23-86

AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 5, THERE WILL BE A QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO VOTE YES OR NO FOR A 1% COUNTY SALES TAX.

The City would like for you to: Get informed about the sales tax!

What is the basic issue?

The ballot question will ask whether you are for or against the levying of a county retailers sales tax in the amount of one percent (1%).

Who gets to vote?

Every registered voter of the county.

What is the vote requirement?

In order for the sales tax to take effect, a majority of those voting must vote yes.

If approved, when will the tax take effect?

January 1, 1987

Who will pay the tax?

Everyone, residents and non-residents, who purchase taxable items or services within the county, regardless of where they live.

How much will it cost the county to collect this tax?

Nothing. The local tax will be collected by the state at the same time the state sales tax is collected.

How much revenue will the tax produce?

The proposed one percent sales tax is estimated to produce about \$36,100 annually for Whitewater.

Will the revenue increase in the future?

Probably, but it depends on future business conditions. The revenue trends will vary with the economy and inflation.

How is the revenue distributed?

The revenue from a countywide tax is divided into two equal shares. One share is apportioned to the cities and the county government according to population. If a city has 10% of the population of the entire county, it would receive 10% of this one-half share. The other half share is divided in relative proportion of their total, unit-wide property taxes levied in the preceding year. If a city has levied 10% of the property taxes of the county it would receive 10% of this one-half share. The revenue must be credited to the general fund.

How successful have sales tax referendums been in the past?

Countywide sales tax referendums have been approved by the voters at a rate of two out of three.

How widespread is the use of local sales taxes Kansas?

Countywide sales taxes are levied in 60 counties.

How much additional sales tax would a family pay based on their size and annual income?

Based upon Federal Income Tax Tables for a family of three at various income levels:

ADJUSTED GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	ADDITIONAL SALES TAX PAID ANNUALLY
\$10,000	\$37.50
\$20,000	\$60.00
\$30,000	\$78.00
\$40,000	\$95.00

Why do we need an alternative to the property tax?

The property tax bears the brunt of local taxing revenues. As the cost of local government and services, including education, has been impacted by inflation, the mill levy has become a millstone around the neck of property owners. The mill levy in Whitewater has risen 15.5% in the last four years and it has to again in 1987 to offset the loss of General Revenue Sharing (\$6,000), the decrease in valuation (\$35,000), and the increase of insurance premiums, including the public officials liability premium which rose from \$370 to \$3,000 per year.

How will the money be spent?

The City Council has proposed \$13,000 of the estimated \$36,100 be used for property tax relief to keep the mill levy the same as 1985. Without the sales tax revenue the levy will increase ten mills, due to the loss of valuation and revenue sharing, and the increase in insurance premiums. The balance of the funds, \$23,100, will be used for capital improvement projects, such as street reconstruction and sewer main replacements, which will be outlined in a formal plan.

PLEASE VOTE ON AUGUST 5

NEWSLETTER

March 25, 1986

C.J.'S CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual spring clean-up day sponsored by the Whitewater C.J.'s (formerly Jaycees) will be Saturday, April 5, 1986. Donations would be appreciated for the items picked up. Items need to be placed by the curb by 8:00 a.m. For more information call 799-2795 or 799-2445.

ANIMAL CLINIC

The annual animal clinic will be held Saturday, April 19, 1986 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the fire station. Rabies and other vaccinations will be available from Dr. Pat Regier. City dog license's will also be sold. For more information contact the city clerk's office.

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

It is unlawful to ride all-terrain vehicles or dirt bikes upon any city property, including streets, alleys, and water ways.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Whitewater City Council is considering the construction of a community building to be available for meetings, reunions, or various other activities. Please contact a councilmember with your suggestions and comments on this proposed project.

TORNADO SIREN

Tornado season is fast approaching. The warning signal for Whitewater is a three minute continuous blast of the fire siren.

WATER LEAKS

Water leaks are wasteful and costly.

AT 30 LBS. PRESSURE

A LEAK THIS SIZE - WILL WASTE - THIS MANY GALLONS

	<u>PER DAY</u>	<u>PER MONTH</u>
• 1/32"	170	5,100
• 1/16"	970	29,100
• 1/8"	3,600	108,000
● 1/4"	14,400	432,000