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Grant City Council awarded a total of \$3,000 in keno funds during their regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Representatives from three entities requesting funds were present to address the council and explain why the money was being requested as well as answer any questions.

Perkins County Chamber, the Perkins County Senior Center and Hastings Memorial Library were each granted \$1,000.

Perkins County Chamber: On behalf of Chamber, treasurer Dawnya Dreiling requested funds to help with the annual Fourth of July event in the park, specifically to acquire bounce houses for children to enjoy during the day.

Dreiling said the bounce houses were a successful addition to the community gathering in the park last year, with proceeds going to the swim team. Members of the team manned the activity last year.

Perkins County Senior Center: The senior center's director, Tabby Cornelius, explained the center's need for keno funds in order to continue operations.

The funds would specifically go toward annual insurance costs.

"We serve a much needed purpose in the community," said Cornelius, explaining the importance of providing daily meals to people who can still remain in their homes yet receive nutrition and social interaction through the senior center.

She pointed out that the center continues to try to raise funds by hosting events such as a pancake feed, potato bar and burrito night, yet falls short of meeting expenses.

Library: Hastings Memorial Library board member Brenda Styskal presented a keno fund request to council to purchase new carpeting for the library's community room.

"The room has been well loved," said Styskal, "but the carpet needs to be replaced because it's heavily stained."

She said the library foundation will do a partial match but that still leaves the library short in funding the cost of carpet.

Council members Bob Tatum, Tim Pofahl and Wayne Pick unanimously approved the three requests under the direction of Mayor Mike Wyatt. Council member Kirk York was absent.

In Other Business

Following discussion and input from the public, council members gave their approval for bid specifications on armor coating city streets.

City Superintendent Tyson McGreer suggests looking at bids and costs before pursuing the \$76,000 project which would be \$13,000 over budget.

Pointing out that oil prices will most likely continue to rise, McGreer said, "Let's see what we get for bids then go from there."

