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Council members took action on the backup power source for one of the city's wells during their regular meeting the evening of May 14.

The city is looking into providing backup power for Well 6 with a leased generator.

In other action during the meeting, council approved a two-year renewal contract with the Perkins County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement.

The first part of the two-year contract is from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 including a 3 percent increase for an amount of \$111,280.

The second year of the contract which runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 is for \$114,610 which includes the same 3 percent yearly increase in service.

The sheriff's agreement is for no less than 2,920 hours of patrol service per year within the City of Grant, which averages eight hours per day, taking into consideration special situations for law enforcement.

Accurate records will be maintained, and the sheriff will provide monthly reports indicating patrol hours and services within the city limits.

During the beginning portion of the meeting, Jeff Skeels of HomeTown Agency gave a presentation on insurance for the Grant Municipal Airport.

Skeels presented options for the 2013-14 coverage, and council chose to remain with the current policy.

A temporary liquor license was approved for the dates of May 31, June 1-2 at the Perkins County Fairgrounds, where a motorcycle rally will be held by the American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE).

Water and lotto figures were released to council:

- Water usage during the month of April was nearly 7.5 million gallons compared to just over 4.2 million gallons being used during the previous month of March.

In a year-to-year comparison, however, water usage in April 2013 showed a decrease of over 2.6 million gallons compared to April 2012.

- Lotto sales during April at DJs Bar and Grill totaled \$2,579.50 with a payout of \$1,840 leaving a net of \$739.50.