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PITTSBURG —

The Pittsburg City Commission approved a grant for the Colonial Fox Theatre at its meeting Tuesday night.

The Commission approved the \$7,500 grant, which will be used for east and west facade improvements, as part of the meeting's consent agenda. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agenda, but did not comment on it.

The grant from the Downtown Facade Improvement Committee was requested by Vonnie Corsini, executive director of the Colonial Fox Theatre. The improvements funded by the grant includes construction of a non-compliant entrance and ramp on the west facade, as well as removal of chicken wire and replacement of the frame wall over the arch on the east facade. The area also will be repainted. According to city documents, the theater will contribute \$37,000 to the project.

The Commission also:

- Approved a staff recommendation to award the annual purchase of Ready Mix Cement/Flowable Fill to O'Brien Ready Mix, of Pittsburg, Kansas, based on their combined unit price bid of \$341.05 after consideration of the weighted local bid policy.
- Approved a Memorial Auditorium & Convention Center staff request to apply for a 2011 Operational Support Grant from the Kansas Arts Commission. The amount was not listed.
- Approved an application submitted by Maria L. Alberto for a cereal malt beverage license for Super Mercado Yoselin located at 1402 South Broadway, and directed the City Clerk to issue the license.
- Approved an Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending April 27, 2011, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received.

The Commission also expressed its desire to make Pittsburg a better place to live at its meeting Tuesday night.

Commissioner John Ketterman read two proclamations at the beginning of the meeting. The first proclamation declared April 29 as Arbor Day. Ketterman issued the proclamation to Kim Vogel, director of Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Department. The proclamation was required for Pittsburg to retain its status as Tree City USA.

Ketterman also issued a proclamation declaring the week of April 25 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Week in Pittsburg. Ketterman read the proclamation to Pittsburg High School drama students, who are putting on an anti-bullying play this week.

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