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With winter approaching, the city dealt with the annual maintenance agreement it has with the Nebraska Dept. of Roads at Monday night's city council meeting.

For an annual fee, the state crews clear the 9.22 driving lane miles that pass through Imperial. This year, the fee increased \$500 per lane mile from \$3,457.50 to \$4,610 for 2013-14.

Public Works Supt. Pat Davison said cost of the annual agreement increases every few years, but city crews wouldn't be able to do the work for that cost if there is a lot of snow.

The state clears only the driving lanes on state highway. City crews still remove snow from the parking areas where needed.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the purchase of a new pickup for the utility department was approved.

The council voted to accept the low bid from Imperial Country Ford at \$22,325 for a 2014 Ford F-150 XL. Also bidding was Harchelroad Motors, which submitted a \$26,460 bid for a 2013 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado.

The only other council action was to direct Building Inspector Nick Schultz to coordinate removal of the abandoned trailer at 130 East 17th St. City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland noted the property owner, Teresa Cooley, as well as all lien holders, have been notified of the action.

The council also heard the Senior Services monthly report from Administrator Melissa Larson.

She noted there are plans to begin the dining room remodeling after the first of the year, which will make it unusable for about a month. Residents will need to be moved to other areas for their meals during that time.

The eating area will take on a mountain resort theme, she said.