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**Chiefland reduces access to area north of Delma Locke Park; *Heroin dealer cited as one cause*
Sewer Fees Upped by \$5 Per Month**



(from left) The Chiefland City Commission - Teresa Barron, Betty Walker, Donald Lawrence and Chris Jones all voted in favor of this.

Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND – The Chiefland City Commission on Monday night (July 24) ordered the city staff to do what is necessary to post that the area near the water and chlorine tanks north of Delma Locke Park, behind Chiefland Middle High School, is closed after dark from now on.



Chief

Scott Anderson (at the podium) explains why he wants the area north of Delma Locke Park closed at dark. The men in the foreground are a freelancer (left) for a weekly newspaper, his brother (right), and a man (center) who said he plans to build an RV park west of the Tommy Usher Community Center.

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Attorney W. Blake Fugate, sitting in for his father attorney Norm D. Fugate, told the City Commission that he will have the needed verbiage to accomplish what the city seeks to do.



The City Commission agreed that City Manager Mary Ellzey is to continue in her duties. She received generally high marks for her work. Her annual evaluation was conducted before the start of the regular meeting during a special meeting.

Police Chief Scott Anderson asked for the change in hours, where it used to be open until 10 p.m.

The police chief said the capture of a suspected heroin dealer in the Fanning Springs area by the Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office will help keep that particular dealer out of the city, but others might want to use the same location to conduct business.

The vote was 4-0 with City Commissioner Rollin Hudson being absent.

In other action, the city leaders by a 3-1 vote raised the base monthly fee for wastewater collection and treatment service by \$5. City Commissioner Teresa Barron was the lone dissenter.