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Council considers grant application

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William K. Gauer shares information with the Antlers City Council about the city's most recent audit during Monday night's regular January council meeting. Gauer said the audit looked good, overall, pointing to an approximate \$251,000 surplus at the end of the fiscal year. However, he also noted that the city's debt service, at \$340,000 was "a lot of money."



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Local residents interested in exercise could have another option, thanks to a planned walking trail.

Spearheaded by the Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition, the trail would encompass two city blocks near the county fairgrounds. A public hearing to obtain public input and allow for discussion of the project is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Antlers First Baptist Church.

The hearing will be held in conjunction with the coalition's annual banquet.

Arlinda Copeland, Pushmataha County Turning Point Coalition, addressed the Antlers City Council during the council's regular January meeting Monday night and talked about the Recreation Trails Program grant the coalition is applying for, which would fund - on an 80/20 match reimbursement basis - which would fund the project. The grant is administered by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Copeland met with council members to identify the city as the fiscal agent for the project, which envisions an 8-foot wide walking trail over two city blocks.

"It's a big people's park across from the Little People's Park," Copeland said, adding that future meetings are scheduled for such matters a finalizing logistics for the project.