bruary. March snow removal costs soar

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Seman also noted the 1975 city budget of $67,97, for snow removal has shrunk to $4,300, with which to start operations if there is a serious storm before the end of this year.

Pennington's fall for snow removal since the first of the year has been $14,957,77, according to figures from the county highway department.

Besides those expenditures, some organized townspeople provide their own snow removal.

Tenske supplied additional figures about the widespread operation, and said crews operating snow plows covered very 100 miles during the two month period this year. In 1974 for the same period, the plows traveled some 2,000 miles clearing roads.

Chemical treatment placed on the roads to help clear the ice and snow was $20,642. In February and March, combined it was $1,155 used the same period last year.

Labor costs for the two snow months this year were $379,76. Last year for the same months was $76,56. Road materials cost $12,787 this year and $17,363 last year for the two months.

Civic center 'clerk,' 'board' recommended

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The only recommendation coming forward from the council's legal and finance committee that might require action was the continuing of the civic center inspection for the civic center committee.

With seven members of the council present Thursday afternoon, Chairperson Beatrice Luecke had to break a 6-5 vote to recommend approval of the final report.

The committee also will recommend the council pass first reading and set for hearing an ordinance which would establish a five-member civic center board with the authority to handle administrative matters concerning the civic center complex.

The civic center board, somewhat akin to the library board of trustees, would be the agent of the city as the owner of the complex after it is built.

The Civic Center Plaza Corp., as the builder and landlord, does not have the authority to administer the facility, according to City Atty. Ray Woodson.

Woodson also reported that he had met with the architects, Craig Anderson and The Spensel, and that they, in turn, will take to the council Monday. He said the proposed rates for the city to pay and minimum per hour salary for the full-time inspector for more than 20 months.

The architect's compilation of all contracts and related documents from the contractors for the civic center should be ready for the council's consideration Monday night.

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In other business, the committee will recommend council action to create various advisory committees to make recommendations concerning the adoption of the city codes, the city ordinances which would be in effect in the city in the future. The city council would have to take the proposal to the council, one in 30 days and the other in 90 days, after which the council could dissolve the board.

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