

With sole intentions of getting the debris off of the General Dollar site as quickly as possible, so the contractors can get started with the preparation of the building. That on the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, Ray Yauk and I discussed a closer place to dispose of the debris other than at the N.W.O.S.W.D.A. of what was left of the old L&W building. We looked at the S.E. corner of the sewer plant and both decided it would be too small of an area. We then went to the town's property west of town, and both decided that part of the S.E. corner of the property was never disturbed. A pit was dug approx. 50' long x 20' wide x 12' deep, and the debris was hauled and pushed in the pit with no cover. Thinking that with the other property that has been disposed of this way, that we would burn the pit and cover the ashes in a timely manner.

On the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from Susan Harper, and I was told that 15 minutes after she got home from her vacation she started receiving phone calls about how I had disposed of the debris of the property illegally. That the old land disposal had been officially closed and no more dumping was to be allowed. Then was told that I, The Town of Buffalo, and the Board of Trustees would be libel for a law suit and possibly criminal charges could be filed. On hearing this I called our attorney, I discussed what was told to me. I told him that no city property or man hours were used in this demolition and disposal of the General Dollar site. I then started to read through the Town of Buffalo's board meeting minutes to see if there was an official closing of the old land disposal. In reading I found that on Oct. 6, 1971 a temporary permit was issued by the Oklahoma State Health Dept. March 7, 1973 OEDA, Harper County Commissioners, Town of Laverne Officials and the Town of Buffalo Officials met to discuss a Harper County Sanitary Landfill. On May 2, 1973 OEDA had a public meeting on the landfill 25 people in attendance. Oct. 3, 1973 notice to receive bids on the west fenced area of the old dump ground; Guy Redwine won the bid with \$210.00 from Dec. 1, 1973 to Dec. 1, 1974. April 4, 1974 Clerks note health dept. extended dump due date July 1, 1975. Jan. 2, 1975 Glen Beck Pres. of the board and Bill Hamlin County Comm. to attend landfill meeting Jan. 21 and 22. August 6, 1975 the board of trustees asked trash contractor Mr. Mounce to talk with Bill Hamlin Co. Comm. to haul to Harper County Landfill. Read and reread but could not find anything on any type of closing. I then went to the Harper County Courthouse and went to the office of the county clerk, who helped with the search for any information on the old landfill. No luck there, then tried the county commissioners office, no record of old landfill was found and no recollection of any type of closing was mentioned by the county commissioners, Bill Bair and Carl Laverty. So, I called my mother, who was city clerk at that time and was told that there was no other authority than the health dept. at that time, which the EPA or the DEQ was not established yet. And that they simply closed the gate to the old landfill. No declarations, no resolutions, no official closings.

July 29, 2008, after much discussion with the city attorney, at 4:00 pm I decided to call the ODEQ office in Woodward. I reached Kenny Ground and told of what had transpired up to this point. He told me of some of our options of what we could do; haul the debris to a disposal or maybe land reclamation. Was advised to do nothing at this time until I heard back from him. Next morning, July 30, 2008 I decided to go to Woodward and discuss this matter with Bill Kropf with ODEQ, Bill and myself had a meeting from 9:30 until 11:30. I was asked what was exactly in the pit and told how the Quonset was built out of mostly tin and wood. No insulation, no sheetrock, some painted lumber, no tires, a

little bit of wiring. Bill said that was good, then talked about not being able to burn, and what is to become of the debris in the pit. Again we discussed land reclamation I told of the meeting we had at the NCRS about 5 years ago and that when the farmers was told about adding pages to their land abstracts on which was buried under their ground at about \$800.00 a page at that time, they got up and left the building. I then asked if the metal was removed with what wiring we could get out, if we could burn then, his answer was no. I asked if the wood was hauled off could we cover, his answer was no. I asked if there were any complaints filed on this and he said none at this time. I asked if any was to be filed what would be the procedure from here, he said since there were no complaints filed before I called last night and no complaints before our meeting here this morning, that we should be able to handle this from this office. Bill said that since I am here to rectify the problem, but seeing the intentions of our trying to get this business in town that we can work this out. Bill said his office would not pursue any legal actions on this matter. I asked if I was to find someone to haul the metal and the electrical wiring off for possible recycling, he said that would help. I asked if this was hauled to private property, could we burn and cover, he said no. I asked if we were to haul this off either by dump trucks or roll-offs, what would be the window of time to get all of it gone. After talking for awhile, he said there is no window of time to remove the debris.