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Somerset Council Member John Ricky Minton has brought up concerns in several meetings over the loosing and dangling cables that are found on some utility poles throughout the city.



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Loose cables, like the ones seen here, are found in several places around Somerset.

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who need to use cables to deliver services to customers.

At the previous council meeting, held on March 9, Adams said this ordinance had not been updated since around 2015.

This particular ordinance does not go into how much a company would pay for those rights, Adams said. Rather, this updated ordinance would be the first step in a process. After the passage of this ordinance, companies like Windstream or Spectrum would sent out what is essentially a Request for Proposal for use, he said.

Those companies do not own the poles which the cables are commonly attached to, Adams explained. Those poles, at least within the Somerset City limits, are mostly the property of electric company KU.

“They rent space on the poles from the people who own the poles,” Adams said.

onto the ground, to which Adams agreed.

On Monday, Eastham added, “I think we need to enforce some sort of accountability that they clean (the wires) up.”

Council Member Jimmy Eastham noted that sometimes those loose cables are near electric lines, where they can wrap themselves around those wires or be blown by the wind into them and potentially bring the more-dangerous electric lines down.

At the previous meeting, Minton also pointed out that many of the poles that the cable lines are attached to are older ones that have been replaced by KU by newer poles.

However, the cable companies haven’t transferred their lines off of the older poles yet, leaving potentially-unsafe poles in use.

If the companies using the old poles would transfer their cables to the new poles, Minton said, “I guarantee KU would come and pull those (old) poles.”

In other business, Somerset Council approved a pair of zone change requests. The first was for property located at 202 Alexander Drive, owned by J&S Garden Center. The change was from Residential/Industrial zones to a Business-2 zone.

The second property is located at 414 Broadway Street, owned by Renaissance Enterprises. That property was changed from a Residential zone to Business-3.

GUTHRIE

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listed as abducted.

Savannah Guthrie, acknowledging her mother is among the many missing, donated to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The organization on Thursday highlighted the cases of three children who disappeared in Arizona — Jimmy Hendrickson in 1991, Karen Grajeda in 1996 and Jesse Florez in 2001.

“We encourage everyone to stay alert,” the center said in a statement. “It’s up to the public to keep their eyes open. You never know when the next lead will be the one that brings someone home.”

The Pima County Sheriff’s Office said Friday that tips are still coming in on Nancy Guthrie but at a declining rate.

Portions of Kotb’s interview with Savannah Guthrie were released over multiple days this week. In the videos, Guthrie said she and her siblings knew their moth-

er didn’t wander off, given her medical condition, and that doors were propped open at her house. Authorities also discovered blood and a missing camera near the doorstep.

Some media outlets reported receiving ransom notes tied to the case. Guthrie and her siblings responded to two that they believed were real and offered to pay money. Guthrie said her celebrity status might be the reason her mother was taken, but that possibility was “too much to bear.”

She again appealed for information, saying the family can’t be in peace or move forward with healing without knowing what happened to their mother.

“How can someone vanish without a trace?” Guthrie asked. “How? Someone knows something. Even if that something is someone’s been acting strange for the last seven or eight weeks. Even if it’s just that. Somebody knows. And maybe somebody’s afraid and I understand that, but our hearts are in agony.”

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