Kenneth City 'Proud' Of Community Center

"This is Kenneth City's proudest moment to date," Mayor Harold A. Mellinger told citizens recently as he officially broke ground for a new town hall and community center, to be built at 50th Street and 46th Avenue North.

The $30,000 building which will house town government facilities, will be built on a 3.47-acre site to be deeded to the city by Sidney Colen, developer of the municipality.

As Mayor Mellinger did the honors, he said "the act of turning the first spadeful of earth gives me tremendous sense of pride — it is our ambition that within these halls decisions will be made that will make ours a model community and the pride of Pinellas County."

The center will contain, for recreational purposes, a swimming pool, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, barbeque pits, a wading pool, and Little League baseball diamond.

The Junior Women's Club of Kenneth City raised over $700 for the purchase of playground equipment for the new center. Colen will finance the construction and carry the mortgage until the city is able to make the payments.

Kenneth City became a fully incorporated municipality, with its own sanitary sewer and drainage system, sewage disposal plant, and water utility, in April this year.

All utilities are being operated on a private basis and the city will be given the option to buy them at cost as soon as they are on a profitable basis.

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