

Solution pending on variance request in city of CJ

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A continuing dispute between the city of Cave Junction and Wilderville-based builder Hoyt Patton failed to reach any resolution during a Thursday, June 28 city council workshop in city hall.

Patton had requested a variance for a three-lot duplex and town home Master Planned Development (MPD) during the council's June 11 meeting. The 1.25-acre MPD is located at 117 N. Junction Ave., and includes a private street.

But June 11, Councilor Russ Ehrman chastised Patton for building before seeking city approval. Mayor Tony Paulson suggested the workshop as a way to possibly work out a solution.

During the workshop, Patton said that plans for the project have been consistent since first proposed.

"We've never changed our intent," Patton said. "We always were going in this direction."

Patton acknowledged that there had been some "back and forth" between him and the city regarding sidewalks and street structures. He cited an October 2005 memo from Gary Biggs, former public works supervisor, stating that a private street could be included as part of the project.

Grants Pass-based land-use planning consultant Rick Riker, representing Patton, said that the memo included "implications that we can get approval."

But Paulson noted, "Staff doesn't have that authority, though."

Ehrman said that approval for portions of the project was granted in stages, and that there was "bound to be confusion" as a result.

"It wasn't done in bits and pieces," Patton said.

The mayor responded that had the proper processes been followed in the first place, the workshop would not have been necessary. He cited an October '05 staff report that said the private street would not meet city standards, and an April 11, 2005 memo from City Recorder Jim Polk to Patton.

"Until conditions are met, no additional permits will be accepted, and the existing clearances will not receive additional processing," the memo read.

Ehrman said that the city is now in an "awkward position," because the MPD has already been built. Paulson reiterated that Biggs lacked the authority to grant approval for the project, as only the council can do so.

Patton said he was, and still is, acting in good faith

with the city.

"We're not trying to circumvent the rules," Patton said. "By no means did we come in to rape and pillage that neighborhood."

Ehrman said that it is up to the developers to follow the city's codes and ordinances.

"The responsibility for this development is yours," Ehrman said.

"Staff is only there to help," Ehrman noted.

Riker responded that the plan has been through the pre-application process twice, and there were never any "red flags" from city staff.

Patton passionately defended his project before walking out of the meeting in apparent frustration.

The council is scheduled to continue hearing Patton's variance request during its Monday, July 9 meeting at 7 p.m.

Branch disrupts power in CJ

Approximately 343 Pacific Power customers in Cave Junction were without



IVFD Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik keeps an eye on downed power lines awaiting Pacific Power response. (Illinois Valley News photo)

Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) and American Medical Response went to the scene. IVFD Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik stood by at the location until the repair was completed by Pacific.

The interruption affected homes and businesses. Many Downtown businesses had to close early due to the lack of power. Shop Smart Food Warehouse, the *Illinois Valley News* office and many others were affected.

In some cases, the outage resulted in a "brown-out" situation, so businesses turned off electric and electronic equipment.

However, Fred Ball at Bi-Rite Auto Parts "kept on trucking." He noted that, "We still do it the old-fashioned way, looking up parts in catalogs instead of by computer." Then, equipped with a flashlight, he could obtain parts from the warehouse area.

electricity for some 2.5 hours Thursday, June 28, the utility reported.

The outage ran from around 3 to 5:30 p.m. It was caused by a tree branch that fell on primary lines on Caves Avenue between Watkins Street and Lister Street.

Driver injured in two-vehicle crash in Grants Pass dies at hospital

Kenneth M. Coleman, 38, died of injuries suffered in a two-vehicle crash in Grants Pass, said the city public safety department.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident, it added. The victim's passengers were identified as

Tammy K. Jones, 37; and Brittney R. Jones, 11.

The accident was reported at 1:35 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 at the intersection of Ringuette Street and Ramsay Avenue.

Coleman was taken by American Medical Response to Three Rivers

Community Hospital (TRCH), where he subsequently died of his injuries. Brittney Jones was admitted for care of facial injuries; Tammy Jones was treated and released.

The driver of the other vehicle, Slater E. Jipp, 36, suffered minor injuries and

was not taken to TRCH, police said.

Although the accident still is under investigation, police said that indications are that Coleman was west-bound on Ramsey and did not stop for a "Stop" sign at the intersection with Ramsay.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Saturday, June 23

*At 31 past midnight a Kerby resident said that a woman punched him in front of her children. The caller seemed reluctant to specify the exact location where the incident occurred.

*Loud noises from a gathering were the topic of a complaint at Lake Selmac at 37 past midnight.

*A party of six was attacked by a group of approximately 20 persons at a campsite out Eight Dollar Road, said a complainant at 1:11 a.m. Apparently everyone had been drinking. No medical aid was requested.

*Subsequent to a call that a man was causing problems in connection with trying to "force himself on a female" at a Lake Selmac gathering, Douglas R. Singer, 44, was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

*On Illinois River Road a 19-year-old driver was warned about crossing a double yellow line.

*At Iron Ring Campground on Illinois River Road, a woman was cited federally in connection with driving with a suspended license.

*A woman claimed that she left her wallet in a restroom at Josephine County Fairgrounds, and that some \$150 was missing when she went back for it.

*Approximately 10 trespassers at 1:58 p.m. wouldn't leave Pomeroy Park Estates, where there has been vandalism, when told to do so. A deputy warned an adult about trespassing; the others with him were under age 7.

*A warning for speeding was issued a man, 21, at Sis's Gap on Redwood Hwy.

*Possible custodial interference was described by a woman in Selma in a case said to involve a mother taking a child.

*On Garner Road a girl,

16, was "beyond parental control." She left the house through a window; returned and hit her mother and disconnected the telephone; then fled on foot, the mother said.

Sunday, June 24

*Juvenile people were said to be igniting fireworks in the area of Schumacher Street and Hussey Avenue.

*Seven or eight boy and girl teen-agers were reported throwing large rocks at a man's car in Downtown Cave Junction at 1:33 a.m., and then going to Jubilee Park. The man has video tape of some of them.

*Several adults were boozing it up on the parking lot at the former Select Market in CJ at 2:56 a.m.

*Gary M. Phillips, 55, turned himself in to a deputy in CJ under outside warrants that included being a fugitive.

*Someone put something at the front of a CJ restaurant.

*A woman in a car was warned about failing to yield at Jubilee Park.

*On Fernwood Drive, some dork used a shovel to break into a home. It appeared that nothing was missing.

*Harassment involving a landlord/tenant dispute was logged from Reeves Creek Road.

*Suspicious people coming and going several times were reported at a fireworks sale site in CJ. The operators felt that the place might be the object of a possible burglary.

*Extra patrol was requested at a fireworks sale site in Selma.

*Threats were said to have been received by fireworks sales clerks in CJ, and a vehicle was circling the tent.

Monday, June 25

*For some reason, an alarm sounded at 5:42 a.m. at Illinois Valley High School, but all was OK.

*Some sort of disturbance was logged from Ollis Road involving a man who said that he was "going to tear someone up."

*Vehicular hit-and-run was the subject of a complaint from a Cave Junction

bar at 9:33 a.m.

*Paint that splattered on his truck possibly occurred on purpose, said a man in Kerby, near a home being remodeled.

*"Subjects" on ATVs called a woman "several vulgar names" after she told them to leave her property in the 33000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*There was a complaint from N. Kerby Avenue that someone drives an ATV up and down the road "at all times day and night."

*A repeat trespasser again was causing a problem in Kerby. The complainant said that the man, who might have been drunk, put his arm around him and flipped him off. He wanted the man cited.

*Approximately 40 feet of copper wire was ripped from a utility pole in the 6000 block of Takilma Road. Pacific Power is the victim.

*Following a report that beer was stolen and that someone was injured in Selma, Michael Wayne Cheek, 19, was cited and released on charges of possession of more than 1 ounce of marijuana, and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

*Two young men were fighting in front of a house on Illinois River Road at 9:52 p.m. Then they drove away.

Tuesday, June 26

*"Drunk and rowdy" people caused a disturbance on N. Kerby Avenue at 3 a.m. They even broke beer bottles.

*A "meth head" with a gray beard was reported trespassing at a Selma business at 8:21 a.m.

*Loud explosions were heard in the Shadowbrook Drive area at 10:44 a.m. One resident found two homemade devices on the driveway, and wanted the incident documented in case they were related to former students.

*No injuries were reported in connection with a two-vehicle crash at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street at 11:32 a.m.

*An Oregon State Police trooper was to send off



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