

Roland Johnson named Wallowa's city attorney

Johnson resigns from same post in Enterprise

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

Local attorney Roland Johnson will remain with Wallowa City as their official city attorney but has tendered his resignation as city attorney for Enterprise.

Johnson was selected from a pool of four applicants as the contract attorney for Wallowa City at the regular Wallowa City Council meeting on Nov. 17.

Johnson, who keeps an office in Enterprise and lives in Wallowa, has worked for the city of Wallowa, as needed, since the late 1970s. The council had published a request for proposals as part of their effort to modernize business practices as recommended by the Oregon Association Cities. Once the proposals were received, city councilors took their time discussing and making their final selection, according to City Recorder Carol Long.

In the end, no other applicant measured up with regard to experience, especially local experience.

"Johnson is so knowledgeable about zoning, land use in

Wallowa, grant issues and city business," Long said. "He's had lots of experience being a municipal attorney."

Johnson had been key in helping the city manage the grant process that led to them receiving \$3.5 million to modernize the city water system, Long said.

"When you do a huge grant process as was required by the Oregon Community Development grant, you have to file numerous documents and we, at the city, were just not qualified to do that," Long said. "Our engineer, Troy Baker of Anderson and Perry, recommended Johnson to protect the city and manage us through that process because he was so knowledgeable."

Johnson also has worked with the City of Enterprise for

decades, but tendered a letter of resignation this summer.

"I've been here since 1977 and was city attorney in 1979," Johnson said. "There's been a lot of issues and a lot of different kinds of work over the years. I used to prosecute and have jury trials in municipal court. Now everything is filed in circuit court. I'm still practicing law and still attorney for Wallowa. I just decided I'd been doing it long enough."

He offered to remain in the position of city attorney as Enterprise through the process of collecting and considering new proposals.

Enterprise has so far received three proposals. The process of selecting a new attorney is ongoing, according to City Administrator Michele Young.

IRS-related phone scams targeting county residents

Callers threaten jail time

By Scot Heisel
Wallowa County Chieftain

If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a representative of the Internal Revenue Service, keep in mind odds are pretty good that you're being targeted by a scam.

Several people in Wallowa County have reported receiving such calls recently, and a local financial firm is sounding the alarm.

"They're getting pretty aggressive in our area right now," said Tina Hite, office manager at Edison, Perry & Company, PC in Enterprise.

Hite estimated Thursday afternoon that her firm had received approximately 10 reports within the previous few days of supposed IRS-related calls seeking money from local residents.

"They're threatening jail time, saying they're going to come out and arrest you," Hite said. "Some are computer-generated calls, others are from live people."

Hite said that phone calls are seldom used by IRS staff to resolve tax issues.

"They don't call you on the phone unless they've sent you several letters first and you haven't responded," she said.

Hite also suggested that if you do receive a notice from the IRS in the mail, to take it to your tax professional.

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OFW re-appointees confirmed by Senate

By Hillary Borrud
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Oregon Senate voted this week to confirm two members of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission whom Gov. Kate Brown reappointed in April.

The move was a reversal from earlier this year, when the Senate Committee on Rules delayed action on the two re-appointments over concerns that commissioners had failed to adequately oversee the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife budget. The sport

fishing industry and cattle ranchers had also called for the governor to appoint commissioners who represented their perspectives. Commissioners are appointed to represent Oregon's congressional districts.

The Senate voted 22-8 on Wednesday to confirm the two re-appointees, Holly Akenson of Enterprise, and Michael Finley of Medford. Akenson is a wildlife biologist, manages a tree farm with her husband and is an archery and rifle big game hunter, according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's website. Finley is president of a grant-making foundation, and previously served as superintendent of Yellowstone, Yosemite and Everglades national parks. He is also a hunter and angler.

Ahead of the vote Wednesday, Senate Republicans said they had been under the impression Brown would reconsider the reappointments.

The Senate voted in May to confirm two other controversial appointees to the commission, Astoria resident Bruce Buckmaster who has ties to the commercial gillnet fishing industry and former state lawmaker Jason Atkinson of Jacksonville.

"You cannot continue to load the board with philosophical people that represent the big cities," said state Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton. "It does not work ... The legislature deserves a lot of the credibility for this agency going down the toilet, and the governor deserves a lot of cred-

ibility for this agency going down the toilet. I urge a 'no' vote."

Girod's language displeased Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem.

"Sen. Ted Ferrioli, try not using the word toilet, please," Courtney said, as the Senate minority leader from John Day prepared to speak.

Ferrioli said the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget trouble is an indication the commission has not fulfilled its fiduciary responsibility.

"But there's another issue here, and that is the credibility of the governor and the credibility of the appointments secretary," Ferrioli said. "Members who voted unanimously (in committee) for the last round of appointments to ODFW did so on the assurance there would be consideration of a sport fishing member and a landowner. That did not happen. That to me is a breach of confidence and a sort of a disconnect between credibility of the governor and the expectation that her asks will be respected."

Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, said Akenson and Finley do represent hunters and anglers.

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Enterprise Police Officer George Kohlhepp will continue to shoulder extra responsibilities as the search begins again. The City Council recently voted to increase Kohlhepp's pay by 2 percent to compensate him for the extra workload.

The city also has hired retired Oregon State Police Trooper Jed Stone as a temporary city police officer to assist Kohlhepp. In addition to having deep roots in the community, Stone already was current on a number of certifications required for the position and was able to hit the streets without requiring extensive training.

A part-time evidence tech also has been hired to manage the newly organized evidence room shared by the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and Enterprise Police Department.

Enterprise began the search for a new chief after the resignation of former Chief of Police Wes Kilgore on March 23.

Before launching their search the city requested an Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Executive Resources Agency review to reveal any areas in need of correction. The city has been working to address the problem areas revealed by the subsequent report.

The three police chiefs that made up the review board — Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts, La Grande Police Chief Brian Harvey and Baker City Police Chief Wyn Lohner — also assisted in the search for qualified candidates. That assistance will continue, Young said Friday.