

Astoria takes win from Warrenton

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The Astoria Fishermen came out on top 60-36 in a nonleague contest against the Warrenton Warriors last Saturday.

The Warriors were ahead 14-13 at the end of the first quarter, but fell behind 23-29 at the half.

By the end of the third quarter, the Warriors had fallen farther into the hole, 29-41, but there was a sense the team would dig its way out. It didn't happen.

Joshua Earls and Dawson Little were high scorers for Warrenton, each achieving nine points.

The Warriors hosted Riverdale on Tuesday.



Bruce Dustin
Joshua Earls gets control of the ball with backup from Zander Moha.

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system of family and friends are 30 hours away. He even had to place his dogs with family.

"The main reason is (that) I'm not close to my family at all and I'm having a hell of a time finding a place to live," he said Wednesday.

When Hazelton took the job in October, he was thrown into the controversy over City Commissioner Rick Newton's acceptance of a gift of infill from a city contractor. Hazelton has taken fire from Newton, who views the city's stop work order and other involvement as an injustice.

City planners have to make difficult decisions and deal with challenges, Hazelton said. He did not take it personally.

There have been other personnel changes in the single office that houses both building and planning. Christian Jensen was hired in March 2020 as residential building inspector and Van Wilfinger was hired in October 2020 as building official. Building clerk Janice Weese is the

lone employee to work in the office more than five years.

The lack of continuity has been difficult for developers and other customers of the city as well.

And City Manager Linda Engbretson also has retired. Her position has been open since October, but she has remained in an interim basis until a replacement can be found.

"It is problematic," said Gerald Poe, Warrenton's newest city commissioner. "It's pretty confusing."

During a work session earlier this month, city commissioners agreed to advertise the city manager job at a higher salary after a study confirmed Warrenton was paying the lowest among comparable cities in the state.

"I don't know what the salary is (for planning director), but he can't find a house," Poe said. "Housing. Pay. To get a city manager now, we've upped the pay. We probably need to do the same thing with the planner."

Longtime Planning Commissioner Ken Yuill sees housing as

a definite problem.

"It has been a very taxing problem because if you go back to who was the last planner that lived in the area and that goes back to Carol Parker."

Parker was planning director prior to 2013.

"It has been enlightening to see these various planners," Yuill said. "I feel bad that Scott has to leave because of our housing situation. I'd love to have a young man of his age stay here and grow with the city."

City commissioners held a joint meeting Tuesday night with planning commissioners. Many things were on the agenda, including staffing.

Most of them agreed informally that another planning technician should be added to the budget.

"It's crazy to think we have more building officials than we do planners," Mayor Henry Balensifer said. "We have one-quarter of a staff member for the fastest growing city on the coast."



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