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His face covered in grime from pressure-washing, Commissioner Tom Dyer stands in front of the station in this 2019 photo.

## Brownfield: City considers options

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use for the property.

“Right now, I wouldn’t vote to take it with a 10-foot pole unless we got that assurance” that taxpayers won’t be saddled with a huge liability, Dyer said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified Clatsop County last week that it will receive a \$500,000 grant for cleanup and reuse assessment of two properties.

The county’s grant application identified two priority sites: a 20-acre tract that includes the former Blue Ridge housing complex near Tongue Point, and a long-closed gas station and repair shop in Seaside that still contains underground fuel tanks and possible other contaminants.

The money will fund environmental assessments to guide the cleanup process, and supports planning toward resale and redevelopment. The county wants the properties cleaned up so it can facilitate development of a mix of workforce housing, one of the county’s goals.

Warrenton could apply for grant money as well. The grants are not available for private owners, so the city or some other public agency would need to own the property.

Four of the five underground tanks have been removed, Ziobron told commissioners.

“At this point, the city, if it is interested in that site, has the potential to do so” and be in charge of the cleanup, Ziobron said.

The city could take on the due-diligence portion of the property acquisition, which would include investigating the likelihood of the property receiving brownfield funding, before actually purchasing it, he said.

While there was no official action taken by the commission, a cleanup is within the realm of possibilities, Mayor Henry Balensifer said.

“(We) have received the presentation and are aware of the possibility for making that land less encumbered for potential private redevelopment,” he said.

## Spring season wraps with many athletic highs

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Warrenton High School’s athletics department has had a good year.

Wrapping up the spring season, the baseball team clinched the 3A SD2 League championship on Monday with two big wins against Taft High School.

Members of the track and field team qualified for the state championships in Eugene after placing second at the league district meeting last weekend in Clatskanie.

Runner Zander Moha is just 18 and already he’s a record setter. The senior set a school record in the 3,000-meter dash earlier this year. At the league district meeting, Zander broke his own record with a time of 8:59.71.

Julia Dornblueth, an exchange student from Germany, broke the high school girls pole vault record with an 8-feet, 1-inch vault. The previous record had been 8 feet, set in 1998 by Meredith Flynn.

Ian O’Brien, the school’s assistant principal and athletic director, received the 2022 state Award of Merit from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Associ-

ation. The award recognizes his dedication to students and his ability to bring out the best in them.



Zander Moha leads the pack in Clatskanie.



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