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Before the 'BIG HOUR'



One More Time

Voters to get another chance at budget

Residents of the City of Heppner will have another chance to vote on a proposed budget levy sometime in June.

The proposed \$93,866 budget levy required to run the city for the coming year was defeated by voters at a special election, May 17. The following night the budget committee met and trimmed \$93,000 from the budget levy. Included in the cut were some essential services and all sick leave and vacation time for all city employees. They also cut the number of street department employees from three to two men.

A continuation of the common council meeting of May 3 was held Wednesday, May 19, at the City Hall.

Mayor Sweeney said, "If the common council approves the recommendation of the budget committee, the city will be 'broke' before the next fiscal year." "The committee has killed the street department and left two non-essential items in the budget," he continued, the library and the swimming pool. Recommendations were also made to raise the water and sewer rates as well as the charge for the swimming pool. During the past three years the swimming pool has cost the City of Heppner \$15,000. Last year the city received less than \$3,000 from fees and paid out nearly \$9,000 to maintain the pool. "Even if the fees for the swimming pool were doubled, the city would still lose money, and that's a hell of a way to run a railroad," said Mayor Sweeney.

Glen Ward, chairman of the budget committee was present at the council meeting and he expressed his fear that the city

would be broke by January 1977. He proposed to meet with the members of the budget committee Wednesday night, May 26 in hopes the committee would review the budget cuts. He proposed another election be submitted to the voters with approximately \$25-35,000 over the six per cent limitation in hopes of winning voter approval. The estimated increase would be between \$2-3 per \$1,000 of the true cash value.

Ward continued saying, "The City of Heppner has the cheapest water rates of any city in Eastern Oregon, and for years the city has been giving its water away."

While he admitted he was not in favor of going back to wells or septic tanks he reminded residents of the increased cost necessary for their operations.

In other business to come before the common council:

—The council approved Ordinance 399 and 400. Ordinance 399 repeals Ordinance 353 and 391 restricting the delivery of bulk fuel into the city of Heppner and Ordinance 400 determines the lineage for the municipal court.

—Approved two building permits; the first for the Morrow County School District for the construction of a shop at Heppner High School. The second permit was for the addition of a bedroom to a dwelling at 676 No. Elder St. The estimated cost is \$5,000 with Maurie Groves as the contractor.

—The council canvassed the ballots of the budget levy.

—Bicentennial chairman Mike Sweeney removed his request for the re-naming of three streets within the City of Heppner.

Retires After 18 Years



Don McConnell, former Kinzua employee, was honored at a retirement party in his honor recently. He was presented a gold watch by the company for 18 years of service.

Plans for July 4 Celebration told

Plans for Heppner's July 4 celebration were disclosed by Mike Sweeney, Bicentennial committee chairman at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

Sweeney reiterated the committee's plans saying "We had the kick-off at the Pioneer Picnic, last year." Last July the residents responded to the Bicentennial Wagon Train with one of the largest turnouts at Cecil, when an estimated 1,300 people jammed the small community to celebrate the occasion. It was one of the largest turnouts in a three state area.

Presently the Bicentennial committee has three projects; the Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse, Hager Park and the restoration of the Hardman Community Center. A total of \$16,500 has been received in state funds for the projects not counting monies received from private individuals for the completion of the projects.

Planned for the July 4 celebration is a breakfast by the American Legion. A Flag ceremony with the American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America will follow, culminating at the County Courthouse. The Elks Lodge has volunteered to place an illuminated flagpole at the courthouse.

At noon the entire nation will celebrate the ringing of the bells. All churches and schools will toll their bells for at least a two-minute period at this time.

In the afternoon a jackpot rodeo will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Jim Rogers will cater a dinner in the evening with the proceeds going to the Bicentennial Committee. There will also be a fireworks display in the

evening.

In the evening there will be dancing in the streets with music provided for square dancing and a band for the younger people of the community.

Reporting on the progress of Hager Park, Sweeney commented, "We desperately need volunteer help." We hope to have the sprinkler system installed by this Friday, and then we will seed the area in grass.

Answering a question from the audience, Sweeney remarked, "Any group that wishes to participate in the Nation's Bicentennial, July 4, is welcome to do so, in fact we are seeking other groups to make this historical occasion, one that will long be remembered."

Rupert Kennedy, Port of Morrow, Boardman, was a visitor and told the Chamber audience some of the problems the Port is experiencing with various governmental agencies.

President Larry Mills told members the Oregon Department of Transportation plans to hold a meeting June 2, Pendleton, to discuss plans for a six-year highway construction program. Mills urged local government officials and interested citizens to attend the meeting. During the meeting engineers will review highway construction plans during the past year and will discuss projects scheduled for the next six years.

The meeting will be held at the Pendleton City Hall and begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no Chamber of Commerce meeting, Monday, May 31.

Pioneer Memorial Picnic, Sunday

The 23rd annual Morrow County Pioneer Memorial Picnic will be held Sunday, May 30, at the Fair Pavilion, Heppner.

Registration will begin at 11 a.m. supervised by the Soroptimist Club. The program will open at 12:45 with a memorial service honoring the county's dead. This service will be conducted by the Heppner American Legion Post 87, with Edward Baker, Post Commander in charge. Taps will be sounded by Gene Rietmann, lone.

The buffet luncheon will be served at 1 p.m. The luncheon will be prepared by the women of the Episcopal Church and will be served by Empire Builders. The Heppner Garden Club is in charge of floral arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom are the Bicentennial chairmen for this year's reunion.

Heppner merchants will furnish prizes for the oldest pioneer and for the one coming the furthest distance.

Morrow County Election Results

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT	
FORD	684
REAGAN	411
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT	
CARTER	304
JACKSON	46
HUMPHREY	57
CHURCH	337
UDALL	19
WALLACE	19
HARRIS	2
KENNEDY	46
MCCORMACK	7
BAYH	0
BROWN	14 inc.
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS	
2nd CONG. DIST.	
HICKS	88
KARIKER	278
MERCER	240
DEMOCRAT	
ULLMAN	412
SECRETARY OF STATE	
REPUBLICAN	
KELTING	329
PAULUS	331
DEMOCRAT	
DENSMORE	132
GROENER	126
McALMOND	153

WHIPPLE	211
WILKINS	206
STATE TREASURER	
REPUBLICAN	
MANN	256
MYERS	396
SMETS	65
DEMOCRAT	
GORDON	286
HOLLINGSWORTH	193
LANSING	326
ATTORNEY GENERAL	
REPUBLICAN	
BUNN	77
DURHAM	282
JOLLEY	143
WILSON	108
DEMOCRAT	
REDDEN	326
WILLNER	522
JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT—POS. 2	
FIELD	587
LENT	990
JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS—POS. 1	
CHEZ	129
JOHNSON	718
KANE	363
LUCAS	394
JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS—POS. 3	
KITSON	479

SCHWAB	977
JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS—POS. 4	
FORT	715
RICHARDSON	682
MEASURE NO. 1—Expands	
Home-Farm Loan Eligibility.	
YES	NO
1399	326
MEASURE NO. 2—Discipline of Judges	
YES	NO
1533	137
MEASURE NO. 3—Housing Bonds	
YES	NO
658	968
MEASURE NO. 4—Authorizes Vehicle Tax	
for Mass Transit Use.	
YES	NO
285	1340
COUNTY JUDGE	
DEMOCRAT	
WEATHERFORD	342 Inc.
JONES	483 Inc.
REPUBLICAN	
CREAMER	326
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
DEMOCRAT	
MILLER	579

REPUBLICAN	
McCOY	579
COUNTY CLERK	
DEMOCRAT	
PARISH	661
REPUBLICAN	
WINTER	597
JUDGE FOR THE 6TH DIST.	
GRIBBLE	667
CANTIN	588
COUNTY SHERIFF	
DEMOCRAT	
MOLLAHAN	660
COUNTY TREASURER	
REPUBLICAN	
McDANIEL	662
PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON	
REPUBLICAN	
JEPSEN	Inc.
PETERSON	Inc.
PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON	
DEMOCRAT	
HOLTZ	Inc.

The election results for Morrow County are incomplete and unofficial as the write-in ballots have yet to be counted.