

Irrigon studies new sewer plant

Septic tanks are on their way out in Irrigon. Val Toronto, city engineer, presented a facility plan for a mechanical sewage treatment plant to residents last Thursday night in an information meeting.

Eighty-five per cent of the approximately 60 residents attending indicated their support of the treatment plant

through a show of hands. "This new plant could end up economically valuable to the community," said county planner Dave Moone. "Industry may consider locating here if we have a sewer system."

A portion of the \$851,000 project is hoped to be covered through a grant. The plant is not expected to begin con-

struction for at least the next two years.

Present population of Irrigon stands at 450 as certified by a 1976 Portland State University survey. Growth since 1971 was set at 42 per cent. A governor's study last year estimated the community will have a population in excess of 800 in the next 10 years.

"We see this as the No. 1 trouble area in the Columbia River area," said Toronto.

"Up until a few years ago there was no reason to plan so far ahead. Industries are causing small communities to realize they have no program for handling sewer systems."

Currently the city's resi-

dents use individual septic tanks to handle their waste material. Once the new mechanical plant is completed, septic tanks will not longer be approved. Until the plant is ready for hook-ups however, incoming residents will be required to put in a septic tank.

The plant will chlorinate and

purify sewage water and return it to the Columbia River. "I can't see polluting our Columbia River further, it's already polluted enough," objected one woman.

"The minimum requirement for purification is 85 per cent reduction," said Toronto. "The planned plant has 92 to 95 per cent reduction and will

produce sparkly white water as a result of aeration."

Another plan considered by the city was for a lagoon plant. It would add \$250,000 to the cost of the mechanical plant. The water from the lagoons would not be discharged into the river. It would be pumped to circles in area fields.

The proposed site for the plant is located northeast of Irrigon. Citizens brought it to Toronto's attention that the location was below the flood plain. Toronto suggested that the plant could be built up with concrete retaining walls. Sewer flow will be designed for a gravitational pull system.

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NOTICE SECOND NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for the City of Heppner, Oregon for the fiscal year 1976-1977 will be held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall at 8:00 p.m. on March 7, 1977. Copies of the supplemental budget are available without charge at the office of the City Recorder. The budget may be inspected by interested persons at the office of the City Recorder during regular office hours. Any person may appear at the public hearing on the supplemental budget, and discuss the budget or any part of it. Marshall Lovgren, Budget Officer, City of Heppner, Oregon. Published Feb. 24, 1977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Planning Commission will meet Monday, Feb. 28, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverside High School auditorium, Boardman, Ore.

Public Hearings will be held on the following matters:

1. Application by Willie Osterkamp for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a mobile home park in a Farm Residential Zone. Location of the proposed use is T.5N., R.26E., Sec. 25, Tax Lot No. 701 consisting of 11 acres.

2. Presentation of a preliminary plat of Wagon Wheel Addition, a subdivision located in T.5N., R.26E., Sec. 36, owned and subdivided by Andy Conforth.

3. Application by Western Empire Inc. for a zone change from Farm to Industrial. Location of the proposed change is T.4N., R.26E., Sec. 15, Tax Lot No. 3800, consisting of 30 acres.

4. Application by Western Empire Inc. for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a hay cubing and pelleting plant in an industrial zone. Location of the proposed use is T.4N., R.26E., Sec. 15, Tax Lot No. 3800, consisting of 15 acres.

5. Application by McGregor Fertilizer Company for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a fertilizer plant in an industrial zone. Location of the proposed use is T.4N., R.26E., Sec. 15, Tax Lot No. 3800, consisting of 15 acres.

6. Application by Rik Haberlach for a conditional use permit to allow construction of a duplex in a "Farm" zone. Location of the proposed use is T.4N., R.26E., Sec. 20, Tax Lot No. 401, consisting of 5 acres.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and express their views. Written, signed statements will be considered. Reasons for approval or disapproval should be included in oral or written statements.

-s-Mrs. Dorris L. Graves, Chairman, Morrow County Planning Commission. Published Feb. 10, 17, 24, 1977.

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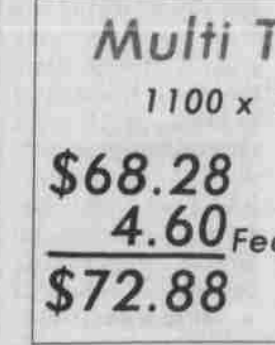
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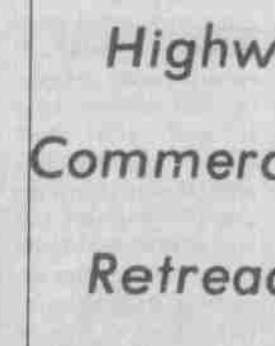
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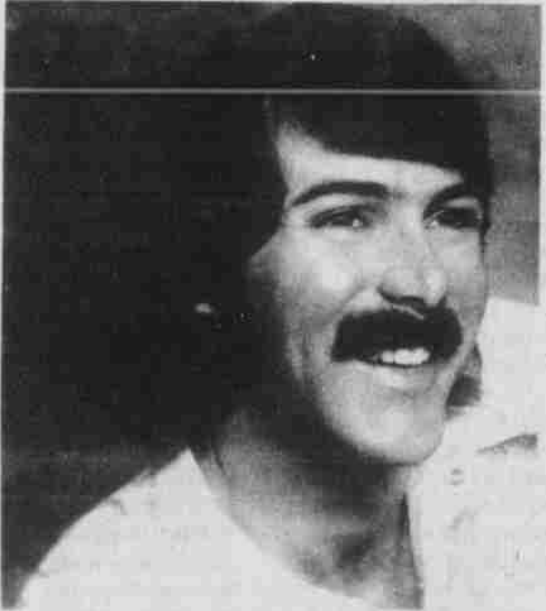
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