



Bob McEwen, Brave left fielder slid in time but failed to reach the plate and Giant pitcher, B. Way put the tag on him. Giants came from behind for a 13-12 victory. See lesson in scorekeeping on page 6.

Library, pool, streets-

City budget cuts underway

The Heppner city budget committee in session Thursday, April 28, elected to cut the city budget down to the six per cent limitation for approval by the City Council, but closed about \$16,000 short of the mark.

In all, the committee trimmed \$29,539 from the budget proposal which city voters have defeated twice.

The following cuts were recommended by the budget committee: From the swim-

ming pool \$3,050; from revenue sharing for ordinance codification \$2,800; all the proposed walkway on Gilmore Street \$2,000; all for paving oil \$1,000; all for asphalt \$1,000; all fire truck reserve, \$1,000; all library books, \$500; all library \$5,169; water utility improvements \$1,000; all street department paving \$6,000; police department parking meter maintenance \$600, down 1/2; sanitary \$320; vacation and sick leave (park

help) \$1,000; park maintenance \$1,000; legal service \$1,000; all engineer service, \$1,500.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion to meet again on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall to consider more cuts following a new review of current fund balances.

The only thread of hope for the committee consisted in a report from Marshall Lovgren, city budget officer, that a posting error may have

made an \$11,000 difference in the street department beginning fund balance.

Little hope is held that the posting error would turn up any money, since the posting error most likely will have the same result as transferring \$11,000 from one back pocket to another.

Councilman Hubert Wilson commented that there was "no fat in the budget to begin with." Both Wilson and Councilman Cliff Green said their

opinion was to cut the budget back within the six per cent limitation. Councilman Larry Mills said he was hesitant about going back, but added that he didn't "...see any reason to go back the third time." Mills had reference to the two defeats of the proposed budget.

Following the May 12 meeting, the City Council will receive the reduced budget proposal for consideration.

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School budget gets ax; back to voters May 24

The Morrow County School District Board and Budget Committee meeting in Lexington Monday night, May 2, cut \$127,917 from the proposed budget for the coming year and elected to return the reduced budget figure to voters on Tuesday, May 24.

The budget proposal, defeated by voters the first time out on April 19, was \$1,711,803 outside the six per cent limita-

tion. The new figure is \$1,583,886 outside the limitation; but according to school officials will result in a tax rate 10 cents per thousand less than the present year's budget.

The budget cuts of \$127,917 were made on recommendations of both the board and the budget committee, aided by patrons of the district and members of local advisory

committee members in district attendance areas.

The cuts included \$56,574 from proposed capital outlay and from transportation. Comprehensive insurance on school buses and other vehicles was reduced \$3,208. Another \$15,709 was lifted from the amount to be budgeted from uncollected taxes.

Savings in the current budget in the amount of

\$52,426 will be applied to the budget as revenue to complete the \$127,917 reduction, it was reported.

According to the district officials, the \$127,917 reduction in the tax request is estimated to result in a tax rate which will be approximately \$8.72 per thousand.

The present year tax rate is \$8.82 per thousand.

Polling places for the May 24 election will be the Heppner Elementary School, the district office at Lexington, Ione High School, A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Riverside High School and Hardman Community Hall. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Legal notice of the election appears in this issue of the Gazette-Times.

Lightening hits power, brings needed rain

Lightning strikes on the hill above the Willow Creek Country Club at Heppner blew three fuses Monday night, resulting in temporary power losses at Ruggs, Eight Mile and Hardman and interruption of television signal in Heppner, according to Dave Harrison, manager of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

Harrison said power to Ruggs, Eight Mile and Hard-

man was off about an hour and one-half. Lightning caught two transformer fuses in the system which feeds the station for the three areas.

A third fuse was blown nearby in the service for the television antenna at Heppner, Harrison said.

On Tuesday morning, Heppner experienced some flickering of lights and lines were being checked for damage, perhaps related to a fallen tree or other causes.

"We are grateful for the lightning," Harrison commented. With the lightning came various amounts of much needed rain.

Cloudy skies and scattered light rain began to occur in Morrow County last Saturday with increasing cloudiness developing into the first of this week. Late Monday heavy storm clouds built up in southern Morrow County.

WEATHER

	High	Low	Precip.
Wed.,			
Apr. 27	72	35	
Thurs.,			
Apr. 28	77	39	
Fri.,			
Apr. 29	72	48	
Sat.,			
Apr. 30	69	43	
Sun.,			
May 1	68	52	.06
Mon.,			
May 2	65	49	.14
Tues.,			
May 3	58	40	.49

April closed with an all-time record low precipitation of .07 hundredths of an inch. Normal for April is 1.33 hundredths. Lowest April of record was .09 hundredths in 1956. May opened with a total of .69 hundredths in the first three days.

Heppner Girls' State reps named

Two Heppner girls have been named delegates to Girls' State.

The delegates named from Heppner are Dee Hedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, and Kathy Wolff, daughter of Dr. Wallace Wolff.

financed by the Legion Auxiliary and the Soroptimists.



Sally Sumner



Dee Hedman

Alternate for the two delegates is Sally Sumner, daughter of Rita Sumner and State Rep. Jack Sumner.

Sally Sumner will attend Girls' State in place of delegate Kathy Wolff, it was learned this week.

The delegates from Heppner are sponsored to Girls' State by the Heppner American Legion, Auxiliary, Post 87, and



Kathy Wolff

Bands rate high at LaGrande

Heppner High School and Junior High School bands received 1 minus ratings last week at the Large Group Contest in La Grande. Only Pendleton and La Grande bands received a higher rating.

Future concerts planned for the Heppner area are an outdoor picnic and concert in the city park by the high school music department and the junior high. Sixth and fifth grade music groups will have their end of the year concert on June 2 at the grade school gym.

By Tom Franks

The Heppner City Council in session Monday night, May 2, delayed action on a request by Larry Prock of Ione to "vacate" a portion of Morgan Street north of the railroad tracks and south of Highway 74. The matter was first brought before the city six months ago.

Prock seeks to straighten the street almost in the same location that it now holds on property held between his own and that belonging to Morrow County Grain Growers.

The street is now platted diagonally across Prock's property, but is not built in the location shown on the city map.

Prock has requested that the change be made so that he can develop business enterprises at the location.

The hold-up last night came when City Attorney Robert Abrams advised the council that the current request had not been published four times in the newspaper. Thorne Street was vacated earlier this year without a similar procedure.

Prock's request includes full city access to the road as well

as maintenance of the road. Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine, along with Ed Dick, raised objections to the change. Burkenbine expressed concern about reaching a fire hydrant if the street were changed.

The nearest visible fire hydrant is in the middle of a field a block west of the portion of street in question and on the opposite side of the railroad tracks.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney noted that Thorne Street action would be invalid under the city attorney's ruling on the Morgan Street request.

Prock told the Gazette-Times that he wants to comply with whatever process is required and meet any valid objections with an open mind. The problem, Prock indicated, is that the rules seem to keep changing.

Prock is not the first to go through laborious proceedings in dealings with the city. For a variety of reasons, other applications and business have met with a slow sailing.

The new franchise with Columbia Basin Electric Co-op was six months in the completion and before agree-

Olds to face Oregon charges

Extradition agents of Umatilla County were scheduled to depart Wednesday to return Michael Olds, 35, to Oregon where he faces murder and kidnapping charges.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's office said Tuesday that Pennsylvania

authorities have consented to release Olds.

Olds is charged with the murder of a cab driver in Umatilla County, the kidnapping of Mary Lindsay of Ione in Morrow County, and the murder of Mrs. Lindsay in Malheur County.

ment was reached on legal points, the old franchise expired.

The dental clinic request, hospital variance and at least one application for a variance for a trailer house have been among protracted proceedings before the City Council in recent months.

At least one item was cleared up Monday night in the passage of Ordinance 406 which will keep applicants for conditional use permits from bouncing back and forth between the planning commission and the City Council.

The request is now expected to go through four publications in keeping with Oregon law, since there is no specific city statute to allow the change already "approved" on

Thorne Street and the request still pending on Morgan Street. The council will consider the request again at a meeting in June.

In other action, the council: Approved payment of bills amounting to \$1,585.14.

Held a public hearing on Ordinance No. 406 and passed the power to grant variance on conditional use permits from the council back to the City Planning Commission.

Held a public hearing and approved a zone map change by Norman Patterson from Residential to Zone N, allowing establishment of a shop for logging equipment north of Morgan Street.

Held a public hearing amending city zoning. The action deleted a requirement

that a building must be set back from lot lines on all sides a distance equal to its height.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Jerry Sweeney noted that residential property has been subject to an increased valuation of nine per cent while commercial property valuation is up 22 per cent in Heppner.

With improvements in the north end of Morrow County, it is possible that the millage might increase to the point that people would have to pay no more and possibly even less tax, Sweeney said. "There is no way of knowing until all budgets are in and all valuations made," Sweeney added.

G-T staff changes

Terry M. Hager, 28, of Dayton, Wash., this week assumed the post of general manager and business manager of the Gazette-Times in Heppner, according to G.M. Reed, publisher, of Hermiston.

Reed said that Hager will be responsible for the overall management of the Gazette-Times as well as advertising sales and promotion.

A native of Milton-Freewater, Hager comes to Heppner from advertising sales with the Dayton Chronicle. Prior to working for the Chronicle, Hager spent about six years in the restaurant and tavern business in both Oregon and Idaho.

He worked previously for the Valley Herald in Milton-

Freewater and the Hermiston Herald in Hermiston.



TERRY HAGER

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hager. They operate the

B & B Restaurant in Milton-Freewater.

Hager replaces Wil Phinney as advertising manager. Phinney will move to the Hermiston area where he will continue with the Reed publications, continuing an association of seven years.

Another new addition to the Gazette-Times' staff is Mrs. Gearl Seal of Heppner. She takes up duties this week in advertising composition and circulation.

Georgia and her husband are natives of Baker. They moved to Heppner about four years ago. They have two children, Andy and Audra. Gearl works for Kinzua.

Georgia replaces Sharlene Arends, of Heppner, who plans to devote full time to her home.