

Hotel project looks like a go

By Avon Melby

Things are falling into place and it looks like the hotel project will go through. Heppner city council was told Monday night.

Local efforts to remodel the Heppner Hotel into a senior citizen retirement apartment complex almost fell through last spring when it appeared a loan of \$600,000 would be necessary to meet the grant of \$500,000 the city already has for the purpose. A new estimate by the architect was lower. Now it looks as if a \$390,000 loan will make the project possible.

Both City Attorney Bill Kuhn and Heppner Economic Development Corporation Chairman Clifford Green told the council this sum seemed reachable. And it has been done without cutting anything out of the plans. Local banks have indicated interest in loaning the money at attractive interest rates of seven percent.

Portions of the cut came from the \$60,000 the Senior Citizens have agreed to put in to the project so they

can have their center on the ground floor of the building. They also agreed to increase that with another \$10,000. The owners, Arnie and Rita Hedman, lowered their asking price by \$10,000. "We are within \$23,000 of the targeted amount," Kuhn said. Others are interested in seeing the project go, and other money is expected, enough to meet the total, he indicated.

Umatilla Housing Authority, which had originally agreed to manage the apartments for the city, has said it was no longer interested because of the distance involved. Both Kuhn and Green encouraged the city to assume duties of manager. "You already own it," Green told the council. The council applied for, and received the grant, and had authorized the request for a loan.

However council members expressed doubts about what they might be getting the people into. "Will it turn out like Whoops?" Councilman Bob Ployhar wanted to know. The type of tenants, low turnover in tenants, and no necessity for major improvements for some years, should make the management easy and without problems, the council was told. If something did go wrong later, the city would hold title to the building and could probably sell it for as much as was owed on it.

With a local bank holding the mortgage it would be unlikely that the project would not carry anyway. Rent, at \$280 per unit, should provide adequate funding for payments, maintenance, and adding to a fund for later repair and upkeep.

The hotel is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, and was partly chosen for the housing project because it was built through donations and with combined efforts of the citizens of Heppner to provide housing after the disastrous July 4, 1918 fire, Kuhn said. "I think it is turning into the same sort of thing again."

Councilman Chuck Holt said, "If the city is going to own it I think the city should manage it."

Of the four council members present three voted to accept the responsibility. Member Terri Denton opposed.

Green said the group promoting the project would advertise, asking the people who have signed up and want to live there to pay a deposit soon. "It will be filled before we ever put a hammer to it," he said. The members of HEDC sponsoring committee are all conservative people, and "there isn't a one of us interested in going any further if the figures don't say it is feasible."

When it is all worked out, the design will be explained at a council meeting before the city signs for the necessary loan.

Terry Thompson, who received three permits for water on his land outside the city limits when the city had an easement over his property east of town, wants to use one of those permits in the future on a two month per year basis. He would pay for the water. But since the city no longer needs the easement council members questioned giving the water. "It would be setting a precedent," said Councilman Ployhar. Kuhn said the city had a policy of not granting permits for water outside the city limits. Thompson will be advised the request was denied.

Mayor Cara Costa read a letter from George Koffler on behalf of the Bank of Eastern Oregon commending the city crew and police department for changes they had made to improve the parking at the bank.

Dave Winter, crew foreman, reported building a walkway bridge over Willow Creek for pedestrians was going to have some cost. An amount of \$220 more than the amount donated was needed for timbers. Purchase of that and completing the bridge was authorized by the council.

Estimate of \$700 for treating weeds within the city was made by Doby's Pest Control, Winter said. Motion to have it done was approved by three, with Holt abstaining.

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Veterans Day closures noted

Several local businesses will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Court St., Central, Dels., and Bristow's Markets will remain open, however.

Local schools, banks, city offices, the Courthouse, the post office and the Extension office will close for the day.

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, November 4	
Soft White	
Nov.	\$2.88/\$2.90
Dec.	\$2.92/\$2.94
Jan.	\$2.96/\$2.98
Hard Red Winter	
Nov.	\$2.95
Barley	
Nov.	\$84/\$83
Dec.	\$81
Jan.	\$79
Corn	
Nov.	\$62
Dec.	\$63
PIK	
Generic	117% cash certificates

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Election Night

Morrow County Judge-elect Louis Carlson holds a good luck balloon at an election night "watch party" at the Heppner Elks Club. Final election results were tabulated at the Morrow County Clerk's Office at

3:45 a.m. Wednesday. Sixty-six percent of the registered voters in Morrow County cast ballots in Tuesday's election.

Attempted murder suspect arraigned

James William Pickle, 19, was arraigned Monday morning at Heppner Justice Court on charges of Attempted Murder and Assault of a Public Safety Officer. Morrow County Sheriff's Office transported him to Umatilla City Jail where he is lodged.

Charges stem from a shooting incident early Sunday morning on Baltimore St. in Heppner. Heppner police who took Pickle into custody at the scene, said that the incident is still under investigation and that there may be additional charges. Police refused to say what type of gun was used or how many shots were fired. Police also declined to comment on the possible motive for the shooting or if the victim was injured.

November 4, 1986 General Election Results for Morrow County

MORROW COUNTY CANDIDATES		Heppner	Lexington	Ione	Boardman	Irrigon	TOTALS					
Judge	DON McELIGOTT, Dem.	409	130	225	297	273	1334					
	WON LOUIS CARLSON, Rep.	540	130	92	319	354	1435					
	TED SAMPSON, Ind.	75	13	5	72	116	281					
Commissioner	CLEO CHILDERS, Rep.	301	79	192	249	235	1056					
	WON IRV RAUCH, Dem.	683	190	126	385	450	1834					
COUNTY MEASURES		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No					
17	FAILED INCREASE COUNTY TAX BASE to \$3,472,425	337	684	79	194	143	175	306	489	1112	1915	
18	FAILED INCREASE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX BASE TO \$6,996,133	355	670	75	199	174	148	338	464	1218	1823	
19	FAILED SCHOOL DIST. \$366,736 THREE YEAR OPERATING SERIAL LEVY	390	627	103	171	200	117	379	432	1379	1647	
20	FAILED ESTABLISH \$93,000 SWCD TAX BASE	438	571	112	159	138	174	254	236	1178	1709	
21	FAILED ESTABLISH \$30,000 WILLOW CREEK PARK DIST. TAX BASE	531	503	89	188	123	198			743	889	
STATE CANDIDATES		HOW MORROW COUNTY VOTED										
Dist. 59 Rep.	Only	RAY FRENCH, Rep.	849	231	255	461	448	2244				
		STAN RASMUSSEN, Dem.	171	38	61	211	278	759				
		NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT, Dem.	517	110	125	323	364	1439				
		NORMA PAULUS, Rep.	505	162	188	359	370	1584				
2nd Cong.	County	BOB SMITH, Rep.	660	194	217	414	388	1873				
		LARRY TUTTLE, Dem.	349	74	97	255	335	1110				
		RICK BAUMAN, Dem.	356	85	101	232	316	1090				
		BOB PACKWOOD, Rep.	658	163	211	422	379	1833				
STATE MEASURES		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
5	LEGALIZES MARIJUANA	235	793	52	221	55	257	161	523	198	701	2347
7	5% SALES TAX FOR SCHOOLS	132	883	14	245	37	276	123	601	639	907	2604
9	1.5 PROPERTY TAX LIMIT.	360	628	90	172	77	228	214	282	442	1929	1023
11	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	307	673	79	180	85	216	236	281	448	988	1947
12	CHANGES PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES	247	731	44	218	73	228	194	219	513	777	2162
13	20-DAY VOTER REGIS. CUTOFF	717	284	200	62	230	77	449	430	299	2026	948

HEPPNER CANDIDATES

COUNCIL 2-YEAR TERMS	WON	CANDIDATE	YES	NO
	WON	TERRI R. DENTON	398	
		DAVID HANNA	339	
	WON	JOHN HEMPLE	451	
COUNCIL 4-YEAR TERMS	WON	RICHARD L. CURTIS	466	
	WON	CHARLES HOLT	379	
		DOUG LOWE	346	
	WON	BOB ALLEN PLOYHAR	482	
CITY MEASURES			YES	NO
23	FAILED	INCREASED TAX BASE TO \$200,000	261	429
24	FAILED	THREE-YEAR \$100,000 STREET LEVY	319	376

LEXINGTON CANDIDATES

MAYOR	WON	CANDIDATE	YES	NO
	WON	CURTIS PAPINEAU	48	
	WON	ROY TAYLOR (Write In)	59	
COUNCIL		LOUIE ENG	64	
	WON	SHIRLEY McCARL	91	
	WON	CHARLIE SUMNER	69	

IONE CANDIDATES

MAYOR	WON	CANDIDATE	YES	NO
	WON	JUDY OSMIN (Write In)	41	
COUNCIL		JAMES BOOR	67	
	WON	HARVEY CHILDERS	98	
		JOHN EKSTROM	34	
	WON	WAYNE HAMS	117	
	WON	BILL RIETMANN	103	