

Burton hired as Umatilla High School principal



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The Umatilla School District has hired Beth Burton as the new principal at Umatilla High School, effective July 1. She will replace Umatilla High School Principal Scott Depew, who resigned earlier this spring after accepting the assistant principal position at Hermiston High School. Burton is currently the superintendent for the Imbler School District.

"I am thrilled to have Beth Burton as a member of our administrative team," Umatilla Superintendent Heidi Sipe said in a press release. "She brings with her a wealth of experience, tremendous enthusiasm and dedication to student success. I believe she's a great addition to Umatilla High School."

According to the press release, Burton earned her bachelor's degree in English from Washington State University, her master's degree in teaching

from George Fox University and her administrative degree from Western Governors University. Previously, she worked as a high school athletic director, language arts teacher, college prep teacher and district test coordinator, serving in the Molalla River and Arlington school districts prior to Imbler.

Her year in Imbler has been a good learning experience and included the orientation of many new district employees, some challenging building repairs and serving as the district transportation coordinator, Burton said in the press release.

"I am very excited to be going to Umatilla because I think they have a great team dedicated to showing kids what they can do," Burton said in the press release.



SEAN HART PHOTO

Umatilla City Planner Bill Searles uses a map to answer questions from the City Council about proposed commercial zone changes at the Tuesday meeting. The council ultimately decided to postpone a decision on the proposal until the June 16 meeting.

Umatilla delays commercial zone change vote yet again

Council to reopen discussion in June

BY SEAN HART
HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla City Council will once again try to reach a consensus on proposed changes to the city's commercial zoning codes at its June meeting.

The council delayed a vote on the commercial zoning code changes for a second time at the regular meeting Tuesday.

Among the issues the city is trying to address with the commercial zoning changes would be where businesses, like strip clubs and marijuana dispensaries,

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can locate. Changes would only affect new businesses locating in the city.

At the council's April meeting, members opted to continue discussion about the proposal at Tuesday's meeting to provide more time to review the document. Tuesday, the councilors brought questions for city staff, but, after about an hour, Mayor Dave Trott suggested the councilors submit their questions to

receive written answers before taking up the matter again at a subsequent meeting.

"This is sort of a momentous occasion in terms of the changes and the idea here is to get it right," he said. "It doesn't make any difference whether it takes one week, two weeks, three weeks as long as we get it right. I think that's the thing we ought to be shooting for."

The councilors agreed to submit their questions by Friday and to discuss the matter further at the June 16 meeting.

Councilman Melvin Ray brought a long list of questions to the meeting and said it was prudent to be thorough.

"In my estimation, this ordinance is probably one of the most important pieces of work this council will take up for many years," he said. "Because of the importance, I'm being quite critical. This will affect the lives and businesses of people in this town well into the foreseeable future. My intent is to ensure that we get it right, and hopefully we don't overdo it."

City seeking applications for parks committee vacancy

HERMISTON HERALD

The city of Hermiston is soliciting applications for a vacancy on its Parks and Recreation Committee.

Applications are available at Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., and must be returned by June 10. The vacancy is for a three-year term ending Oct. 31, 2018.

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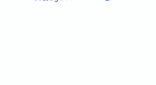
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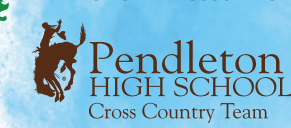
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