

Banks resident seeks council action on fence ordinance violation

Banks resident Dorothy Johnston appealed to the Banks City Council for enforcement of the city's fence ordinance at the September 12 meeting of the council. According to Johnston, when she first appeared before the council five months ago, the hedge next to her driveway was approximately three feet high. Now, she said, it is over six feet high and creates a potential safety hazard by interfering with Johnston's ability to see when backing up onto the road.

Mayor Ray Deeth said a notice of non-compliance had been sent to the landowner. There apparently had been no followup and the Council tabled the request until a special meeting scheduled for September 19.

Chief of Police Crandall reported that a new records system has created a slight increase in the number of incidents recorded because the new system counts some incidents not previously included. Crandall also told the council that teachers and crossing guards have been provided with orange safety vests and signs. The police department was authorized by the council to repaint several crosswalks with donated paint.

Tom St. Laurent presented a report on the timber cruise of the city's watershed. The city has approximately 100 acres of mature timber in the watershed

with an estimated net harvested value of \$900,000.

Arbor Village Homeowners Association (AVHA) and the City have reached a preliminary agreement on how expenses for Greenville Park are to be handled. The agreement will be revisited after the AVHA meets. AVHA has established their regular meeting date as the first Thursday of each month. Their next meeting will be October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Greg Thiel of Navigant, the city's consulting engineer, reported that the traffic signal at Oak Way and Highway 47 may be delayed for up to one year. Oregon Department of Transportation is now requiring some

modification to the traffic separation island at the entrance to Oak Way, although nothing had been mentioned about the island during two on-site walkthroughs with ODOT prior to project start up.

Thiel also reported that the Health Divisions Technical and Management Review of the water system requires that the city complete a third round of lead and copper testing, have a written emergency plan and a written cross connection plan. The plans and testing are requirements of the water system loan. Budgeted for \$2,000, the cost, to date, has been \$14,500.

The Coliform Sampling Pro-

gram has been completed and approved by the state, Thiel reported; also that a meeting will be held with State Forester John Krause regarding logging above a city-owned spring. Navigant received approval from the council to move the Wilkes Street Intersection Improvement Plans to the bid stage, in hopes of completing work this fall.

Council was informed that city-owned property at 140 Market Street is assessed at \$62,060.

Quail Valley Golf Course representatives appeared before city council to discuss their proposal to include QV inside an expanded urban growth

boundary as open and recreational space. They also indicated that residential development might be proposed at a later date. City council approved continued discussion between the city and QV to develop a contract ensuring that expenses would be covered by QV.

After considerable discussion, the council passed a resolution notifying the state Public Employees Retirement System of the city's intent to join PERS for all eligible employees with an effective date of July 1, 2001. After a second reading, the council approved the sign ordinance and the Water Use Curtailment Plan.

Banks School District holds first meeting in newly renovated offices

The Banks School Board met September 11 for the first time in the old junior high school, now the District Offices. The restoration returns the building to its original spacious feeling with the old gymnasium, now the board meeting room, surrounded by a second story railing looking down on the refinished original wood flooring. Construction by OTKM, providing space for district offices, is complete. Work will soon begin on a mural by local artists Bill and Bob Schlegel on the back wall where the stage used to be.

After an absence of thirteen years, Banks High School will again have a student newspa-

per. In a presentation to the board, Emily Howell, Natalie Schraeder and Jasmin Vick, with instructor Terry Bristow, said, "The Brave Voice will be distributed monthly as an insert in the Forest Grove News-Times beginning in October." Started as a special project in yearbook last year, the paper promises to be an outlet for student writers, a place for school news and a cooperative effort by the student staff. The twelve students of the new journalism class will be selling advertisement to fund their paper. Howell will be editor, assisted by Schraeder. Vick will be photo editor.

Superintendent Marilyn Mc-

Glasson distributed to the board an unofficial tally of the types of special needs students present in every classroom, to illustrate how the modern classroom is different from the "typical" classroom of the past. The district makes every effort to provide for the needs of all students in the classroom by hiring additional instructional assistants and sending those students with especially high needs out-of-

district. This year, seven students are being provided services outside the district and the cost for their education will be covered by contingency funds included in the budget for this purpose.

In other action, the board approved an overnight field trip to Madras by the football team and received copies of revised policies. McGlasson noted that enrollment has increased over last year.

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