

# Audit lists concerns about fiscal management by City of Banks

Management for the City of Banks must be "vigilant" in maintaining good accounting practices, the Banks City Council was told in the 1999-2000 audit report discussed at their December 12 meeting. The audit comments were engendered by the City's size, because small staff size does not allow separation of check writing and fund accounting processes. The auditor also commented that police department impound/towing fees should be properly accounted for. Mayor Bob Orłowski noted that the city started the fiscal year with a deficit of approximately \$139,000 and, by the fiscal year's end, had made up

approximately \$67,000 of that deficit.

The council had intended to fill the vacancy left by Orłowski's move to mayor, but the intended appointee, Ryan Birr, was not able to attend the meeting. Birr will be appointed at the January meeting, when newly elected councilors Teri Branstittre and Kathleen Murdoch are sworn in. Birr also ran for election to the council, placing third behind Branstittre and Murdoch. Councilors Norma Steward and Dana Campbell did not seek re-election and have completed their terms.

The Banks Planning Commission asked that the council allow non-voting commission members to vote in the absence of a quorum. The non-voting members are not residents of the city. The Planning Commission has been unable to conduct business for two months due to lack of a quorum. City attorney Jim Lucas said that the planning commission sometimes acts as an officer of the city when making decisions and that case law does not support having non-resi-

dents vote on city business. The council referred the proposal back to the planning commission.

Council accepted Planner K.J. Won's work program for the periodic review of the city's comprehensive plan. The program will be submitted to the state Department of Land Conservation and Development along with notification that the city will need grant funding in order to accomplish the work

outlined in the plan.

Mayor Orłowski will hold regular office hours in City Hall, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In other business, the council:

- Approved \$700 for Christmas gifts for employees.

- Were told that the park cabin project and the Wilkes Street improvement project are both nearing completion, and

that the raw water line project will be ready for bid in February or March.

- Heard from Police Chief Daryl Crandall that the police department and the F.B.I. are investigating counterfeit money received from the high school and local business.

- Reviewed a letter from Marilyn Senko and other residents expressing concern about the placement of a cellular phone tower.

## Studies illustrate how arts can improve community

The Oregon Arts Commission has released four new publications which document and describe how local arts and cultural resources can assist Oregon communities through the Arts Build Communities program.

Arts Build Communities provides services and assistance in two ways - through matching grants to support local arts and cultural planning and projects, and technical assistance from its community development staff and a team of professional consultants.

"The program has connections to almost every community issue facing Oregon cities and towns - growth, downtown design and revitalization, the arts as an economic development strategy, youth at risk, and others," said Bill Flood, the commission's community development coordinator. "Our new publications document what's occurred across the state so other communities can learn from the experiences."

The publications include:  
 Arts Build Communities Technical Assistance Report -

Details the past two years of work of the Arts Build Communities technical assistance team. The report includes profiles on 16 community projects throughout Oregon, community stories, specific ideas on public art and downtown development and information on facility and business development and better organization of arts resources.

*Developing Public Art in Oregon's Rural Communities* - Also developed by the technical assistance team, this guide is intended to help rural communities that are considering public art projects.

*Report on the 1998-99 Arts Build Communities Grants Program* - Profiles 25 arts and community development projects, from the Arts Council of Pendleton to Vernonia's Hands On Art Center.

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sion provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners appointed by the governor determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts Commission became part of the Economic Development in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities.

The Arts Build Communities grants program is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service Rural Community Assistance Program.

For copies of the publications or more information on the Arts Build Communities program, call the Oregon Arts Commission in Salem at 503-986-0082 or visit the commission's Web site at: <http://art.econ.state.or.us>.

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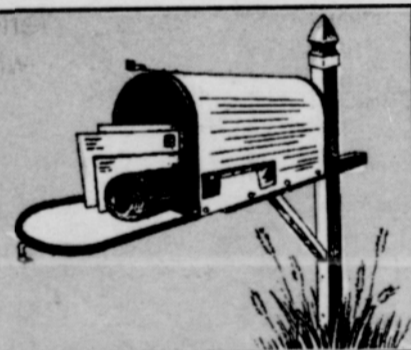
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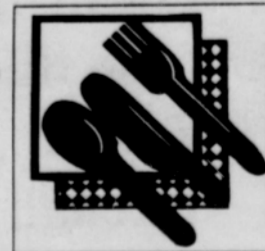
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