

Ordinance approved for Measure 37

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both a short-term solution and a long-term goal. We can use this "as an opportunity to make amends with police issues and prove to the citizens that we can have a viable police department," Lyons said.

A meeting will be set later in January to continue discussions. Branstre also suggested that council should consider a second meeting each month as a work session.

Scouts' Questions

Three young men, Austin Vaughn, Dowan Hamilton and Dayton Vaughn, asked council about aspects of city govern-

ment as part of a Boy Scout activity. Hamilton asked how general repair and improvement of city buildings is accomplished. Kirk Andrews, and other council members, summarized the budget process and the time needed for even a simplified bidding process. Austin Vaughn asked about the possibility of the city building an aquatic center. Councilor Pete Edison referred to the previous discussion of the budget process and, agreeing that an aquatic center would be great, said there will not be enough money in the budget to support it in the foreseeable future. Edison said that a voter-approved levy or an increase in taxes could support an aquatic center, but it is a very expensive project to maintain.

Dayton Vaughn, entertained council with a colorful rendition of an attempt to ride to Banks on the Banks-Vernonia Linear Park. Banks has applied for a \$500,000 grant to extend the trail into the city, but Andrews explained that part of the difficulty in completing the Banks end of the trail is because of the number of agencies involved with that small piece of property. In addition to the city, they include Washington County, the Port of Tillamook, and the Oregon Departments of Transportation and Parks. City planner K.J. Won added that a decision on the city's grant application for state transportation enhancement funds should be made later this month. The realignment of Sellers Road is a separate issue according to Won.

Measure 37

After noting the need to implement the decision of the voters while protecting the city's interests, Councilor Ryan Birr said the city must decide who will be responsible for handling Measure 37 claims and how the process will be paid for. Following discussion, council approved an ordinance that will treat Measure 37 claims in a manner similar to applications for a variance. Won said that a deposit of \$850, the same as is required for a variance proceeding, would cover the initial costs of evaluating a claim for compensation under the measure. A resolution setting the de-

posit at \$850 was tabled until February to allow adjustments in language.

Traffic Problems

Public works supervisor Tim Grossnickle reported that he is discussing traffic problems on Sunset Street with Banks Lumber Company and that the owner of the mill said they are working on several options to resolve the problems. City attorney Jim Lucas advised the council to handle the problem in the same way as other nuisance complaints, and to "establish a record of action" in response to the complaints. According to Grossnickle, the mill responded well to an agreement negotiated by former Mayor Bob Orłowski, which requires painting a loading line across the street, and for trucks to stay on the mill side of that line when loading. New Mayor Mike Lyda said he would invite the mill owner to discuss the problem at the February meeting.

Public Works

Grossnickle reported that he is now able to monitor water quality and flow from his desk, with the completion of the central control system, and can act quickly when problems are detected. He also said that the new well package is ready for drilling and he hopes to have both wells on line before summer. Additionally, he is working with local contractors on estimates for lighting the gazebo in Greenville Park.

Council took no action in response to a letter from Mack and Lillian Shafer requesting an adjustment on their water bill. Council has previously denied similar requests. Grossnickle said that every gallon of water the city produces costs money and the city's rate structure is essentially the direct cost of production. He said the city could develop a system that would reward prompt repair but it would require an additional revenue source.

Park Committee

The Park Committee has been discussing repairs and improvements to the sprinkler system at Greenville Park, Andrews reported. The committee would like to install a new con-

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To register, visit <www.ourcoursescometoyou.com>. For more information, call PCC Community Education at 503-731-6619.

In the Service

Tyson L. Gobel

Air Force Airman Tyson L. Gobel has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

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Gobel, a 2003 graduate of Banks High School, is the son of Kristi Gobel of Banks.

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