

# Keller, Thackeray appointed to vacancies for full Banks Council panel

A full Banks City Council, including new members Chris Thackeray and Dan Keller, who were appointed and sworn in during a special meeting July

27, settled down to business at their August 9 meeting. Council bade farewell to city recorder Deb Deegan, thanking her for four years of hard work. Dee-

gan is being replaced by Jolynn Becker.

Council again discussed funding for police services. Banks presently has a contract



**New Banks Councilors Dan Keller and Chris Thackeray.**

with the Washington County Sheriff's Office to provide coverage, including 50 hours per week of officer presence. Money for the contract has been coming from the general fund, but cannot continue to do so. In order to continue contract police services, council proposed a levy in the November election. Council member Pete Edison urged that the levy amount be tailored to provide, as closely as possible, only what is needed to pay the \$151,363 contract. Council agreed and will seek voter approval of a five-year levy at \$1.89 per thousand of assessed value.

been diligent in meeting the conditions council had placed on the license. He said there have been no noise complaints, no racing past 11 p.m., and no track management issues requiring police attention. He also made it clear that the speedway was continuing to work toward clearing up land use issues stemming from the laying of 22,000 square feet of asphalt last spring.

Bone said he believed the park will have compliance on everything by the end of the year. They are willing to do whatever it takes to do so, including removing asphalt, he said, adding "We don't want to be portrayed as bad neighbors...We want to make it a nice park for everyone in the city to use." The park organization is continuing to work with Banks City Planner KJ Won and several environmental and civil engineering firms.

Council approved extending Sunset Speedway's temporary business license until the end of the year. The license will then come up for regular renewal and review in January.

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## Sunset Park

Rob Ireland, attorney for Sunset Speedway and Sid Bone, president of Sunset Park, requested an extension of Sunset Speedway's temporary business license, which expired June 30. According to Ireland, the speedway had



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