

# Banks Council hears about proposed recycling service changes

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don Oil Company, were recognized for donating both time and equipment to move playground equipment into storage. Jacob Lyda and Shea Rue, both of Banks Jr. Honor Society and Character Learning, were recognized for their hours of public service in revising city

hall administrative procedures.

Residents within Banks will have a new service available March 1 from SWATCO Sanitary Service, Inc. SWATCO President Rich Weitzel proposed a change in recycling to conform with services that have already begun, or are about to begin, in most of the surround-

ing communities.

The proposed service will use a commingled 95 gallon roll cart, allowing customers to increase bin recycling from 121 gallons a month to 206 gallons. The cart will keep recycling materials dry, increase collection efficiency, and reduce curbside emissions. The separate, red

bin will still be needed for glass recycling.

The schedule for garbage and recycling within Banks will include garbage collection every Wednesday and, on alternating Wednesdays, either 65 gallon roll cart yard debris service, or 95 gallon cart commingled recycling. The rate increase will be \$1.25 per month, for a monthly total of \$21.00. Council approved the proposed SWATCO change unanimously.

Banks City Manager Jim Hough told council that he will be attending a January 16 meeting with Washington County Land Use and Transportation Department for continued planning on the Sellars Road realignment project. There will be consideration of potential impact caused by damage that the Port of Tillamook railroad system sustained in the December storm. Railroad repairs are estimated to cost \$26 million and the Port of Tillamook may not be able to recover, which could severely curtail railroad service through Banks.

Hough advised council that this is a good time to establish connections to our state representatives as they begin their special session in February. He presented a pamphlet from the League of Oregon Cities, called "Hometown Voices", along with a user guide.

Council was advised that there are vacancies on various committees, including two seats on the budget committee, which need to be filled. The budget committee will soon start working on the budget for the next fiscal year. The Tree Advisory Board and the Greenville City Park Management Committee each have one vacancy, Hough added.

Council held lengthy discussions regarding two major projects. A proposed Water System Master Plan/Water Management and Conservation Plan has a projected cost of \$88,371. The second project, is a proposed Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion, including the Scope of Work, and a Work Plan.

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