

Banks Council told Ford Foundation grant will help playground

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one, he answered that it is a good balance and that "I endorse the plan."

Gordon concluded that the contract between the sheriff's office and the city is a good one. He also said he has heard

good comments about the job Deputy Tran is doing in Banks.

Council scheduled a hearing at 7:30 p.m. on May 13 for Sheldon Oil, which is appealing a recent Banks Planning Commission decision. After hearing from the appellant's attorney,

Dean Alterman, and Washington County Counsel Loretta Skurdahl on the type of hearing they would prefer, Council approved a hearing with additional information based solely on the issue appealed. Both parties were instructed to have

written materials to the city by April 25 at 5:00 p.m.

City engineer Gordon Munro, of Kennedy-Jenks, with Justin Iverson and Bob Long from Golder Associates, Inc., provided a status report on the Well #2 Interconnect Plan. A power point presentation included an analysis of existing pumping test data from the Behrman Well and Well #2 indicating that the aquifer dewatering would significantly reduce the long term viability of this water source under the city's permit. Golder Associates suggested that additional pumping tests be performed at Well #2 before any further development. In conjunction with regular water level monitoring, the tests will provide data on the sustainable yield of the basalt aquifer tapped by Well # 2. Munro also noted that the draft Water Master Plan should be ready at the end of June. City Manager Jim Hough requested that the timeline for this project be removed from the project/goals list.

Munro, as directed by city council, provided design specification for repairing the win-

dow lintel in the City Hall, and refurbishing the building's exterior. Five Star Builders, Inc., of Banks, with a bid of \$30,564 and 10 percent cost for change orders, was awarded the contract. Hough was pleased that a business within the city had the lowest qualified bid.

Councilor Jason Short announced that a Ford Foundation Grant has been approved for just over \$18,000. All expenses for the playground construction are now covered. The next task is scheduling volunteers. The hope is to have the playground up and running in June.

Ray Deeth of the Chamber of Commerce and Historical Society introduced Suzie Jurgensen, a community volunteer. Deeth and Jurgensen are working on resurrecting a Monday night Farmers Market in the Log Cabin Park. The plan is to schedule two Farmers Market events in July and two in August. Branstitre asked Deeth to send a letter to the city.

The next council meeting will be May 13 at 7:30 in City Hall.



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