

Banks Council sees presentation on proposed natural gas pipeline

Henry Morse, project manager for Palomar, a partnership of NW Natural and TransCanada, gave a power point presentation on their proposed interstate natural gas pipeline at the August 12 meeting of the Banks City Council. The pipeline, according to Palomar Gas Transmission LLC, will provide needed new infrastructure to serve Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, and other western

states. The proposed pipeline would be located five miles west of Banks. According to Morse, "Palomar is still in the permit process" with a goal to file a formal application in late 2008.

The audience included several NO LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) protesters. Their group is slated to give a presentation at the September meeting of the Banks City Council.

Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Tran reported that July was a busy month in the City of Banks. There were 60 calls resulting in four arrests, and 52 traffic stops.

Mayor Teri Branstitre addressed the positions that will be on the ballot in the November election. The terms of the Mayor and three Councilors will expire at the end of December; these are all four-year terms. Election packets are available at Banks City Hall and the deadline for submitting nomination papers is 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 22, at City Hall.

There are also two open council positions that will be filled by appointment; these terms each have two years remaining. Branstitre said she is willing to talk with citizens interested in the appointive positions, and to contact citizens who are recommended to her. Information about the positions is posted at city hall, the library and the post office.

Denise Holmes presented Ms. lone Pilate with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her many years of service to the City of Banks. lone is one of the early members of the Friends of the Banks Public Li-

brary and a tireless fundraiser for the library; she has mentored many Banks men and women who follow in her footsteps. Holmes said that "lone has worked tirelessly making quilts...[and] she was the first 'out-of-the-city member' on the planning commission." Pilate was thanked and given a standing ovation by the mayor and councilors for her contributions to the city.

Council approved a Resolution to continue membership in the City County Insurance Services trust (CIS) for the purpose of receiving a risk management grant. This opportunity provides its members with a discounted initial contribution. The City of Banks committed to

continue its participation in CIS' General Liability and Property program for three more years.

Council accepted a motion by President Pete Edison to accept a proposed restrictive covenant for Arbor Village Tract 9 in lieu of the current performance bond, and authorized the city attorney to release the bond upon satisfactory recording of the covenant. City Attorney Jim Lucas said that he wanted to "confirm with the county that this is the current owner" before the covenant is recorded. Approval was given pending the record search.

Auditor Dennis Conner advised council to consider a policy that would address financial

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