

Deputy Tran tells the Council that top crime is criminal mischief

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Tran noted that the two top crimes are criminal mischief and thefts which are typically committed by juveniles. City Manager Jim Hough complimented the sheriff's office for their "quality of police services...Tran has especially set the bar high - everybody likes and respects him." Hough added that, "when the levy comes out again, we need to get this information out - this information is golden."

Tran introduced Deputy Rue and Lt. Steele. Steele, who is the supervising lieutenant for Banks and Gaston, remarked that he is available to ensure that the sheriff's office is "getting you [the city] what you need" prior to leaving the meeting.

City Manager Jim Hough presented his report on the following activities and events:

- The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion and Transportation System Plan

meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference area; council will have the first of three joint work sessions with the Planning Commission

- TGM grant contractor CH2M Hill will conduct three community review meetings to discuss the pending transportation system plan with the community. The first meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, in the Banks Elementary School cafeteria.

- The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) is conducting a strategic planning process for potential creation of a library district. A community meeting will be held Monday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m. in the library community room.

- The indexed annual water rate adjustment will begin this year. Customers will be notified of the change in the next water

bill.

- The Banks Chamber of Commerce is planning on reestablishing the Welcome Wagon concept in Banks.

Following Hough's report, Mayor Kinsky turned to the election of the council president, whose principal duty is to preside at meetings when the mayor is not present. Councilor Pete Edison, who was not present, was unanimously elected to continue in the position of Council President.

Council approved a motion to repeal an ordinance regarding the office of police commissioner. The position was created in order to provide an appropriate organization for a federal grant. The grant has been completed and closed, and governmental changes make it necessary to delete the position.

A first reading was held on an ordinance amending the code regarding identification

and regulation of dangerous dogs.

Council approved an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Clean Water Services (CWS). The original payment schedule provided for an annual payment in January, and a revised, erroneous schedule is for monthly payments. CWS' request to amend the contract was approved.

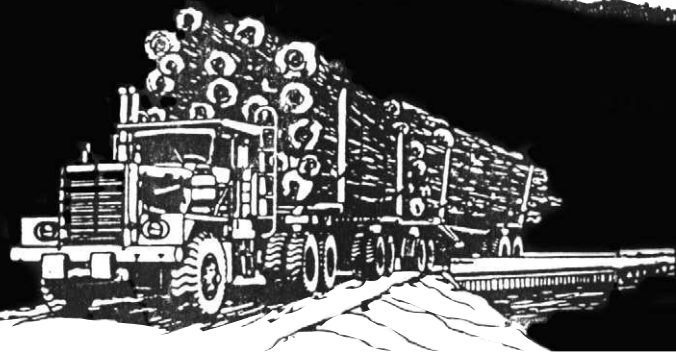
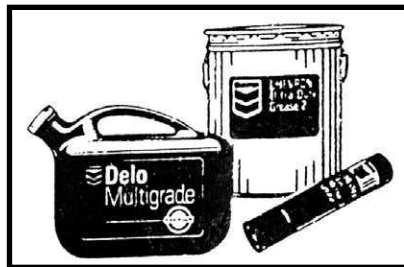
After a second reading, an ordinance on gambling and social games was adopted as modified. Council spent significant time to be sure that the terms and rules were understandable for all participants. The ordinance will require an annual, nontransferable application fee of \$35.

The next city council meeting will be February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Banks City Hall.

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The next Citizen Academy will run from March 31 through graduation on May 26. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m., with two weekend classes during each session. Classes are

typically held in the training rooms at the Sheriff's Office.

Eligible participants must be at least 18 years-old and live in Washington County. They must also attend at least nine of the eleven classes offered to qualify for graduation. Each academy is limited to 35 students, so check your schedule carefully before applying for the course.

The Citizen Academy is part of Sheriff Rob Gordon's continuing effort to promote a safe community through quality service and citizen involvement. Sheriff Gordon sees a real value in helping develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement in

our communities.

For more information about the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy, call Darlene Schnoor at 503-846-2774, or email to darlene_schnoor@co.washington.or.us. Applications for the academy are available on-line, at the Sheriff's Office, 215 SW Adams Avenue in Hillsboro, or at the East Precinct, 3700 SW Murray Blvd. in Beaverton.

Graduates of the Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy will not be Deputies or Reserve Deputies. They will, however, be better-informed citizens who, hopefully, will share their knowledge with family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

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