Banks Council proclaims August 4 as Banks National Night Out

At the beginning of the July 14 Banks City Council meeting, Jim Branstitre, who served for many years on the Greenville City Park Management Committee, was recognized for his strong support of the City of Banks. Mayor John Kinsky thanked Branstire on behalf of the city and the citizens for his public service.

Kinsky proclaimed Tuesday, August 4 as Banks National Night Out, and called upon the citizens of Banks to join the Greenville City Park Manage-

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ment Committee, the National Association of Town Watch, and TARGET, Inc. in supporting the 25th National Night Out. This was Banks second annual National Night Out celebration

Gordon Munro, of Kennedy-Jenks Consultants, provided council with the proposed Water System Master Plan of 2009, including minor changes that council had requested at a previous meeting. The new plan provides a detailed Capital Improvement Plan through 2028, including order-of-magnitude cost estimates and information on funding sources. Work on a Water Master Plan was started in 1995 and updated in 1998. The purpose of the plan is to provide a comprehensive plan for future development of the city's water system. Council approved adoption of the plan, subject to review by the State of Oregon.

Council also approved a contract with Shaun Pigott Associates, LLC, to conduct a Water Rate study and review the Water System Development Charge. The contract amount may not exceed \$11,570.

Deputy Tran provided an analysis of police activity in the city from January through June of 2009, as requested by Kinsky. Tran reported that there had been 13 arrests in Banks, so far, in 2009. "As crimes go up; traffic goes down because I am spending time on crimes," he added. June had a spike in activity, with 54 calls for service and two arrests. Traffic stops for the month totaled 22, resulting in 18 citations, including four for Minor in Possession.

Tran reminded council that Sheriff Gordon and Lt. Steele will be attending the August council meeting and that August 28 will be his last day. Tran's original assignment in the city was for one year, and has extended to three years. He will be reassigned to Aloha, but is hoping to continue working Saturdays in Banks.

City Manager Jim Hough included the following information in his report to the Council:

• The Oregon Public Works Cooperative Agreement that council recently authorized between Banks and the Oregon Department of Transportation has been executed by both parties and is now operative;

• The League of Oregon Cities 84th conference will be held in Portland this year, October 1-3, at the Doubletree Lloyd Center:

• The July Oregon Transportation Commission meeting will be held July 23 in Forest Grove at McMenamins Grand Lodge, in the Compass Room

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from 10:00 a.m. to noon; · Forest Grove is inviting the mayors and council members from western Washington County to an evening of training on legislative affairs and other sub-regional matters on August 13 at 6:00 .p.m.;

• The steel water tank material at the sand filter, which was declared excess property and authorized for donation to an organization as a fundraiser, has been removed. The FFA received \$6,000 for the material as scrap, which it will be using to purchase equipment needed for its ongoing operations;

· Banks is meeting with Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department to explore the possibility of entering into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for inspection and maintenance services of playground equipment;

• The city is working with Washington County solid waste coordinators in a continuing effort to comply with the goals set for state-mandated solid waste reduction

City Council accepted the donation of light pole pennants, with stipulations as to the conduct of the Ford Family Leadership Class Pennant Project. Christine Ford delineated the responsibilities between the city and the chamber. The city's See Banks Council

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