

Banks City Council sees new Sheriff's Deputy sworn in to serve

At the August 11, Banks City Council meeting, former Mayor Crippen's family stood in recognition as Mayor John Kinsky proclaimed Saturday, August 1, as Mike Crippen Appreciation Day for the invaluable service that former Mayor Crippen provided to the community.

Former Mayor Crippen was noted for his involvement with the entire community throughout his term of office; he provided insight and direction to the City Council during a particularly difficult legal proceeding in which the City ultimately prevailed. Through his hard work, he restored the severely damaged water springs infrastructure following the 1996 flooding in Banks. Crippen led the way in refurbishing the Banks Log Cabin, saving a significant historical artifact. He upgraded the Banks Water Utility by looping water mains and replacing undersized and outmoded piping throughout town and worked with the Banks Tree Board to enhance Banks' Urban Forest. He worked to ensure that honesty prevailed in all of his endeavors, and he founded and supported the Banks Fire Cadet program that has provided fire protection to the City for many years. Upon conclusion of the proclamation, Senator Betsy Johnson, the mayor and council rose to give the family a standing ovation on Crippen's behalf. The family informed the mayor and council that the proclamation was read to him before his passing. There will be a memorial service for Crippen in the city on Saturday, August 22.

Senator Johnson apologized to council for rescheduling her visit to the city three or four times, saying that it had been a "tough session" [in Salem] and she was the chief negotiator on three of four initiatives. Johnson was very informative about

the issues that are facing municipalities in this session, which will not end until January.

Sheriff Rob Gordon attended, telling Council that he "values the partnership". Gordon was there to witness the swearing in of Deputy Pat Chertude who has been assigned to the City of Banks.

Sergeant Bob Ray introduced Chertude, saying that Pat was the best one chosen through a competitive process. Chertude, a 12 year veteran of the sheriff's office, has been part of the SWAT team, school resource officer, firearms and defense tactics, and served in the military for 17 years. Also in attendance were Chertude's wife, Michelle, and Chief Deputy Pat Garret.

City Manager Jim Hough reported the following:

- The city worked with PGE representatives regarding the addition of a privilege tax to the franchise. Council adopted the privilege tax for all utilities in

June 2007, and the city plans to implement the privilege tax at the time the new PGE franchise becomes effective.

- The city contracted with American Leak Detection to conduct a city-wide leak detection survey. A significant drop in water loss is anticipated when the water main from the sand filter at Carsten's water tank(s) is replaced.

- The annual Banks Chamber of Commerce 9-hole two person team scramble golf tournament will be held September 14 at Quail Valley Golf Course beginning at 3:00 p.m. It will be followed by the Chamber's annual social and Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Coleman's Shady Rest Restaurant (55660 NW Wilson River Highway). Council members and spouses are invited.

- Kennedy-Jenks was authorized to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) on the Oak Way project. The plan is to start the project on Saturday 26 and

September 27 to minimize interference with the businesses on the street.

- The City of Forest Grove has invited Western Washington County mayors and council members to an evening of training on legislative affairs and other sub-regional matters, on August 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Council adopted an Ordinance amending the Banks Municipal Code Identifying and Regulating Dangerous Dogs. Councilor Pete Edison commented that "[City Attorney Jim Lucas] did really good work...it [the ordinance] doesn't talk about breeds; it's strictly dog behavior."

Council agreed to participate in establishing an Intel North-

west Science Expo Middle School Special Award in the Environmental Science Category, and authorized expenditure of \$100 to \$300 annually for an engraved plaque and \$50 U.S. Saving Bond.

Hough gave some background on the Five-City Regional Economic Area status council had a brief discussion but no action was taken.

At the July 29 special council meeting, council passed a motion outlining a desired UGB expansion area to be re-analyzed. The motion passed with Councilor Brian Biehl voting nay.

The next city council meeting will be held September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

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