

Banks Council gives appreciation party for outgoing Deputy Tran

Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Tran was given an appreciation party at the Banks City Council meeting on September 8. Mayor John Kinsky shuffled the agenda so Deputy Tran could give his ending police report at the beginning of the meeting. Because Tran did not attend the August council meeting, he reported on police activity for both July and August. In July the sheriff's office received 36 calls for service, made four arrests, made 43 traffic stops and issued 29 citations. In August, there were 46 calls for service, ten arrests and 32 traffic stops. Tran commented that August the highest number of arrests ever in the city.

Kinsky presented a white envelope to Tran, saying "with warmest regards, this is a small token for being a valuable asset [to the city] and we are really going to miss you a lot!" The meeting was then recessed so everyone could join Tran, his wife and sons, Deputy Cher-tude and Commander William "Bill" Steele for cake and punch. The cake was appropriately inscribed with "Thank you", as Tran was thanked for his service to the city, and for the trusting relationships he had developed with youth in the community.

When the meeting reconvened, council received the Water Projects Engineering Proposal from Kennedy-Jenks Consultants. The proposal was divided into four projects: Project 1, Behrman Well No. 2; Project 2, Transmission Pipeline Replacement and Upgrade; Project 3, Slow Sand Filter Plant Upgrades; and Project 4, Groundwater Upgrades. Projects 2 and 3 included engineering and design services for the Water System Master Plan. The total cost of \$820,000 left the council "SHOCKED", and they used a significant portion

of the meeting for discussion before deciding to table any decision on the proposal. City Manager Jim Hough was di-

rected to consult with other cities and hire another company to review the cost analysis. Council's goal is to reconsider the proposal sometime after the first of the year.

Dan Keller resigned as the city's representative to the Metropolitan Cable Commission. Although the city has traditionally had a councilor as its representative.

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Deputy Tran shown at the appreciation party held during the Banks City Council meeting on September 8.

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