

Banks Council hears preliminary results of the water rate study

Shaun Pigott, of Shaun Pigott Associates, LLC, who has been conducting a water rate study for Banks, attended the October 13 Banks Council Work Session, prior to the regular meeting, to discuss preliminary results on water rates and SDCs (System Development Charges) including the rate structure and key points affecting rates on capitol projects and the Operations and Maintenance fund. He included a forecast of revenue requirements, and an SDC overview, with a forecast of water sales for 2009-2010 at \$395,000; 48% of which will result from the utility base charge (\$21.89 per account), with 52% from the volume charge (\$3.05 per 100 cubic feet).

The 2009 water master plan proposed improvements which include Well No. 2 as an additional water source funded in 2011, a transmission pipe-line replacement partially funded in 2011 with the balance in 2012, and site upgrades to be funded in 2011 and 2112. Pigott recommended staggering the projects.

Current comparative water rates for single-family residences assuming 1000 cubic feet of use in neighboring areas are Willamina \$34.75, Newberg \$35.95, Dundee \$39.33, Banks \$40.19, Yamhill \$41.85, Lafayette \$52.75, Carlton \$52.75, Gaston \$75.84 and North Plains \$84.94.

After the Council meeting started, newly assigned Banks

Deputy Sheriff Brian Upton was sworn in. Upton has seven years of experience and will be covering Banks two days a week, on Deputy Chertude's days off. Upton also covers the city of Gaston. He is excited about his new assignment in Banks.

Deputy Chertude reported that there were 52 calls for service in September, four arrests, 50 traffic stops and 16 traffic citations issued. Chertude said he gave a lot of warnings, using them as an opportunity to educate people that the speed limit in school zones is 20 mph. He added that he stops by the high school daily to visit with the kids, and finds them pleasant and friendly.

Councilor Christy Greagor requested that Chertude drive by Greenville Park after park hours, and remind youth that the park closes at curfew which is 10:00 p.m.

Jeff Schillereff spoke during the time provided for interested citizens, to request permission to hunt on the watershed. Council will have to research this issue and get back to Schillereff, but told him that his request was a good one.

Forest Grove Planning Director Jon Holan appeared to brief council on the Five-City Subregional Concept letter. The Five-City participants (Cornelius, Forest Grove, North Plains, Hillsboro, and Banks) each has their own distinct land needs and views on the merits of the Urban Reserves recom-

mendations in the Strategies for a Sustainable and Prosperous Region. The cities all agree that the recommendations do not provide and distribute enough industrial Urban Reserves to accommodate the 40-50 year land needs of high tech, silicon solar manufacturing and incubating bio-pharma industry clusters. The letter urges the Reserves Steering and Core 4 Committees to recommend adjusting the industrial reserves to accommodate acreage locations for 2060 Industry Cluster Absorption. Council approved the five-city subregional concept letter to Washington County and Metro, and authorized the mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

Mayor John Kinsky appointed Mark Gregg as the City Representative to the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC) and designated himself as the alternate.

Ryan Birr resigned from council, effective immediately, for personal reasons. Council President Pete Edison noted for the record that he will miss Birr as they have served together on the council for some time. Edison said that he invited Birr to be his guest at the

city's Christmas Party.

City Manager Jim Hough presented his report to council:

- The PGE franchise negotiations are ongoing and the city might not be able to have an agreeable draft prior to January 1, 2010;
- City staff is working on an H1N1 Flu Pandemic Operating Plan;
- Three interns are working on projects for Banks: Aaron O'Donnell, a graduate student at PSU who is working on his Masters in Public Administration, is also working on the

city's H1N1 Pandemic Flu Plan and on getting a grant for two AEDs; Jordan Nakayama, an undergraduate student at Pacific University majoring in environmental studies, is working on enhancing the city's sustainability policies; and Stephanie Woodcock, a student at PCC Rock Creek, is working on a number of administrative projects, including the city's Recycle At Work project.

The next Banks City Council Meeting will be held at City Hall on November 10.

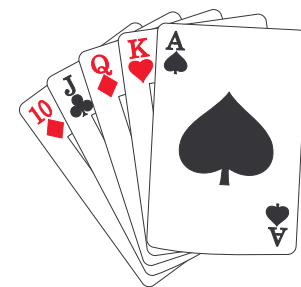
Poker Night helps BHS wrestlers

A Texas Hold'em Poker Night is scheduled for November 13, in the Banks High School Wrestling Room. Check in between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. for seat draw and food. Play starts at 7:00 p.m. Buy in \$50.00 for 5000 in tournament chips with rebuy available.

First place will pay \$600, second pays \$400, third pays \$200 (all VISA gift cards). Other prizes too. Seats limited to 50 players. To pre-purchase and guarantee your seat, contact Coach Jon Small at 503-

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