

# Banks council looks at capital projects

Council President Pete Edison presided at the July meeting of the Banks City Council, in the absence of Mayor John Kinsky. Several issues regarding potential modifications of the Capital Projects list consumed much of the meeting.

In order to stay within the budget for capital projects, City Engineer Gordon Munro recommended that Project 1A be deleted and the funds projected for it be used for the design and construction of Project 1B, the Behrman Well No. 2 backup supply. The backup supply is needed and the change also reduces projected costs for the multi-project list to \$1,160,000.

As previously requested, city staff determined that the cost for adding Library renovation to the project list would be about \$100,000. The staff cost analysis for completing the Public Works building totalled \$250,000. Council had expected the cost to be around \$500,000.

Katie Schwab from Webush Morgan Securities, Inc. is working with city staff and council on procedures needed to sell Certificates of Participation under the LOCAP program. She also provided a pro forma schedule for Capital Projects which analyzes the basic scenario plus three variations. Still to be determined is whether the city can afford the project.

After lengthy discussion, Council decided to take no action on modifications, and agreed to table the item until next month. The delay will allow time for city staff to address additional issues. Councilors also agreed that the issue should be decided when Mayor Kinsky and Councilor Christy Greagor are present to take part in the decision-making process.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director to act on behalf of the City of Banks for LOCAP financing of pending capital projects, within certain parameters. Total funding specified in the resolution is "not-to-exceed" \$1,700,000, allowing staff to complete the sale of the certificates without the necessity of another council meeting in case adjustments are needed.

Stephanie Jones, who was

not present at the council meeting, was thanked for her public service on the Banks Library Commission since February 2005, with a certificate of appreciation.

On Kinsky's behalf, Council President Pete Edison read the Banks National Night Out Proclamation, noting that Tuesday, August 3, would be Banks National Night Out 2010.

Deputy Chertude reported that the 4th of July "went well". The Washington County Sheriff's office assigned four police cars during the fireworks. Council thanked Chertude for their presence and for moving traffic in a smooth manner.

The June activity report noted 148 total incidents in the city, including 65 calls for service, four arrests, 28 traffic stops, three citations and nine written reports. Two of the arrests were for warrants, one for failure to register as a sex offender, and one MIP (alcohol) in Greenville City Park.

Teresa Lyda, Chair of Banks Planning Commission reported the panel's activity during July. At their last meeting, commissioners reviewed and approved sign permit applications. Approved signs included advertising for the August 3 National Night Out event; new Banks Pharmacy signs for their move from inside Jim's Thriftway to a vacant space next to Subway; and signage for the Banks-Vernonia Trail Head.

City Manager Jim Hough's report included the following:

- The city is continuing to work with PGE regarding shifting streetlight ownership. A proposal from the Lighting Services Division will be sent to the OGE Capital Asset Committee on August 25, and a decision should be made in early September.

- Greenville City Park Management Committee is working on a plan to bring back a "Movies in the Park" program on Friday, August 20 at dusk. The G-Rated movie is to be determined.

- Council was reminded that the deadline to fill out and submit the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Legislative Priorities Survey is July 16.

- The audio-visual improvements to Council Chambers have been made. The audio

equipment is installed in the ceiling.

- The controller on Behrman Well #1 is down. The cause is unknown and is being investigated. The city is now using the manual start function, which is working satisfactorily.

- The city has been informed that the Portland & Western Railroad "Banks Rail Connection" ConnectOregonIII application has been forwarded to the Oregon Transportation Commission with a recommendation that it be fully funded. The hope is to have the project up and running in six to nine months, which Hough believes is "rather ambitious", but is good news and will bring money into the community.

- The city is continuing to seek historical names for inclusion in a proposed street name pool list that will be presented to the Planning Commission and Council for approval. The Banks Historical Society is compiling the list of proposed names.

- Greenville City Park Management Committee has forwarded a recommendation to council seeking a change to the Banks Municipal Code which bans skateboarding, etc., in the gazebo.

- The Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad is working on the Banks Road rail crossing upgrade. The Sellers Road realignment project is on schedule and should be completed on time.

- The city has patched a leak on the main water line at the SWATCO entrance on Sellers Road. The previous patch has worked its way loose.

- The State Parks & Recreation Department has informed the city that they do not want to install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the Banks-Vernonia State Park trailhead. The city has withdrawn its application for a charging station grant. Hough commented that this is "discouraging".

The next city council meeting will be at Banks City Hall on August 10 at 7:30 p.m.

# Sellers Rd. to re-open August 13

Northwest Sellers and Northwest Banks roads, near the northern city limits of Banks, are closed at the railroad crossing until Friday, August 13. The closure is necessary to construct the new Sellers Road alignment, upgrade the railroad crossing on Banks Road and remove the existing railroad crossing on Sellers Road. Signs are posted and a detour route is in place. The detour route directs vehicles to Highway 47 and Highway 26.

Additional project improvements include widened travel lanes, paved shoulders, sidewalks, street lighting, storm drainage infrastructure, water quality swale, signing and striping. The newly realigned Sellers Road will also provide room

for the Banks-Vernonia South Trailhead, which is planned for completion later this fall.

The project is a joint venture between Washington County, City of Banks, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Rail Division, Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for this project comes from a combination of Rural Surface Transportation Program (STIP), City of Banks, and ODOT Rail funding.

For updates on this project, visit Washington County Roads at [www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com) or contact Matt Meier, Project Manager for Washington County, at 503-846-7800, or via e-mail: [matt\\_meier@co.washington.or.us](mailto:matt_meier@co.washington.or.us).

# Cats and kittens on sale at Hays



It's that time of year: The Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter is full to the brim with kittens and cats.

"We've reduced our adoption prices on cats and kittens," said Deborah Wood, manager of Animal Services for Washington County. While the shel-

ter is full, adult cats (over one year) are only \$10 and kittens are buy-one, get-the-second-kitten-for-half-price (Must adopt both kittens at the same time): First Kitten is \$80.00, second Kitten is only \$40.00.

All cats have been spayed or neutered, test negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV, are up-to-date on vaccines, and receive a free veterinary exam from local veterinarians.

"This is a great time to think of the joys of owning a cat. We think of cats as being the 'new dog'" said Wood. "For people who love animals and work long hours or travel occasionally, cats can make perfect pets."

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