

New contract deputy sworn in at Banks city council meeting



Deputy Todd Hanlon is sworn in as new contract deputy. PHOTO BY JODI BOYLAN

by Jodi Boylan

"We [the City of Banks] have been blessed to have Deputy Pat Chertude," praised City Manager Jim Hough at the June 14 Banks City Council Meeting.

Deputy Chertude sat at the table in front of council and gave his last city police report as the city's assigned contract deputy. According to Chertude there were at total of 166 incidents in the city during the month of May. By public demand the sheriff's office responded to 41 requests, there were four arrests, 28 traffic stops, five written citations, and 12 reports filed.

On the record Hough commented on Chertude's future assignment as a promoted Corporal and in addition to the promotion, Chertude, a Black Hawk Pilot, has been deployed with his Army National Guard Unit out of California to the Sinai Dessert as a Peace Keeper. Chertude was given a standing ovation for his service to the Banks community and to our country. Off the record, Hough said that Chertude has been an asset to our community; he has been a real resource for our schools - he taught the students about the effects of bullying. "He is so dedicated to us [the city]; he does it as if it

were his city."

The Sheriff's office was well represented as the torch was passed from Corporal Patrick Chertude to Deputy Todd Hanlon as the city's newly assigned contract deputy. Under Sheriff Patrick Garrett approached and addressed President Councilor Pete Edison on the importance of relationship between the sheriff's office and the City of Banks. Garrett thanked Chertude for all of his work in the city; he then turned his attention on to Hanlon, who Garrett describes as a "top deputy who will serve you well" - Hanlon has been with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for 23 years and he is a professional firearms trainer. Lt Bill Steele and Sgt. Bob Ray were also in attendance. Hanlon's wife Tracey and youngest son attended the swearing-in ceremony. Hanlon said that he was born and raised in Oregon - Washington County. He is coaching baseball in Banks and his youngest will be attending school in the city - "I am really excited about this".

Planning Commission Liaison, Raymond Deeth, presented the monthly Planning Commission Report. According to Deeth, the commission discussed appeal options that the city has with the appeal. He also informed council that the commission is studying a plan-

ning commission manual.

City Manager Jim Hough presented the City Manager Report:

- The population in Banks has increased to 1,775. This will increase the amount of revenue sharing funds that the city gets from the state.

- The Banks Chamber Green Team is starting a cell phone and battery recycling effort. A drop box will be located in the Library lobby and two other places yet to be determined.

- Council has received a thank you note from the City of Albany for the Community Environmental Sensitivity Award that was recently awarded to a middle school student from Albany.

- The city has petitioned for an extension of the time required to submit the UGB Expansion record to the Land Use Board of Appeals, and the extension has been granted. K.J. Won and City Recorder Joylnn Becker are working on gathering the requisite parts of the record.

- The 2nd Annual Beaverton, Banks and Beyond fund-raiser for the Northwest Bicycle Safety Council will come through

Banks on Saturday, August 27.

This year for the first time there will be an official rest stop at the Banks Log Cabin Park. The city has offered the Banks Chamber the opportunity to sponsor and man the rest stop which the Chamber declined As part of the Council desire to have more city-sponsored events, the city staff will be manning the station and the city has obtained the assistance of a Forest Grove Brownie Troop. Hough hopes to have a City of Banks Sustainability booth set up at the rest stop that day.

- The city is continuing to experience tree root damage to water meters on Maplecrest Way and on Ashton Drive. The city is in the process of notifying homeowners that the city will be removing trees at the city water utility expense.

- The city's two sustainability analysts will soon be manning

a booth at the weekly Banks Farmers Market (Fridays, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Way Center parking lot).

- The city is working with Agility Recovery, Inc. and with Servpro to do pre-disaster planning for business continuity and cleanup after a disaster. The pre-disaster planning meeting has been rescheduled to July 12 here in City Hall.

- The city has hired a new water utility worker/public services worker. Ryan Lewis has already qualified to do water readings on the weekend.

- Ride Connection advises that the ridership is up at their bus stop in Log Cabin Park. They are also increasing the signage at their new stop on the corner of Trellis Way and Arbor Park Loop. Their agency has advised that they will reimburse the city for the (~\$300)

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