

Mayor Kinsky gives certificates of appreciation to Girl Scouts

by Jodi Boylan

After Girl Scout Olivia, from Troop 41283 lead the Banks City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance at their September 13 meeting, Mayor John Kinsky presented Certificates of Appreciation to Dick and Shirley Dinger, Larissa Ushriya, Lori Godfrey, Raymond Deeth, Angie Lanter, and Girl Scout Troop 41283 in recognition of their

community support by assisting the Northwest Bicycle Safety Council with the Beaverton, Banks and Beyond fund raising event on August 27. Tony Montes, representing the Bicycle Safety Council, expressed the group's appreciation and said they are looking forward to next year.

Washington County Sheriff Deputy Todd Hanlon, contract police officer for the City of

Banks reporting on August activity told Council that, since deputies on the graveyard shift started hitting the Greenville Park pretty hard at night, there have not been any issues there. Other issues have included run away youth, and trespass/UUMV issues at Sunset Speedway. Crimes in the city, included an ID Theft/Fraud, menacing, DUII, a theft of about 100 gallons of

diesel that was siphoned from a dump truck, criminal mischief, theft of a bicycle that was returned two days later, an egging, and a neighborhood disturbance. Hanlon and Deputy Wormington partnered up for the Banks BBQ, which went really well, he reported, was quiet and security did a great job. After council added that it seemed really busy in the city, City Manager Jim Hough noted that Banks is getting community policing, which is outside the city's contract, and he expressed hope that voters remember this in November.

Roberta Sommer updated council on the City of Banks Sustainability Strategy and Sustainability Advisory committee. Sommer commented that the updates are have included definition and consistency throughout the report.

Planning Commissioner Liaison Janet Towne reported that that the Planning Commission held a public hearing that they recommended be moved on to council, approved four sets of solar panels for city

buildings, were debriefed on the pre-mediation progress of the boundaries, and that the commission had some training on chapter 7, zoning changes. In appreciation, Towne passed on that "Jim [Hough City Manager] and KJ [Won City Planner] are a lot of help in keeping us up to speed."

City Manager Hough reported:

- The Banks Green Team is working on a project to conduct two E-waste collection events per year, one on the first Saturday of April, and the other on the first Saturday of October.

- As part of the city's project to standardize all of the street lights in the City of Banks, the city has taken over the single street light on the north side of Banks Road. It will be an Option A light. When the transfer has occurred, all of the street lights in the city will be Option A and all will be High Pressure Sodium (with the exception as noted below). This is a safety enhancement project.

- Last year several citizens on Banks Road solicited the Council to enhance street lighting on Banks Road (inside the city limits). The city has been working with PGE to add lighting and has also been trying to become a pilot project for LED street lights. Hough was pleased to say that the city is about to achieve both goals. The light (along the south side of Banks Road) will be increased with the addition of more cobra heads. In addition, the city will be signing an

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